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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Litigation

Overview

Mr. Flores joined the Firm's Litigation Department in 2019.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Flores served as a law clerk to the Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York from 2017 to 2018, and to the Honorable Stuart M. Bernstein of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York from 2016 to 2017. From 2013 to 2016, Mr. Flores was an associate in the New York office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where his practice focused on insolvency and restructuring, including related litigation and transactional work. Mr. Flores was twice named to Cleary Gottlieb's Pro Bono Honor Roll in recognition of his pro bono contributions.

Mr. Flores received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 2013. While in law school, Mr. Flores gained practical experience in the Housing and Sports Law Clinics, and conducted independent research and writing under Professor Peter A. Carfagna. Mr. Flores received his B.A. in Ethics, Politics and Economics from Yale University in 2010.

Experience

Mr. Flores has represented clients in state and federal courts and before arbitral tribunals in a broad range of matters, including:

- A defrauded investor in a Bankruptcy Court action seeking a determination of nondischargeability as to debt for fraudulently obtained funds.
- Public sector clients in connection with affirmative litigation, including actions asserting California False Claims Act and breach of contract claims.
- The CEO of a financial services company in connection with U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission litigation.
- Trustees and beneficiaries of trusts in connection with various matters, including prosecution and defense of breach of trust and related claims and obtaining repayment of debts owed to trusts.
- Landowners in quiet title actions.
- Closely-held businesses and their owners and officers in connection with shareholder and partnership disputes, including breach of fiduciary duty and dissolution actions.
- A shipping company in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.*
- The pre-petition equity owner and secured creditor of a power generation company in connection with the generation company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, including a contested plan of reorganization confirmation hearing and an unsecured creditor's motion seeking derivative standing to pursue claims on behalf of the bankruptcy estate and subsequent appeal.*
- An individual in connection with Federal Tort Claims Act litigation against the United States seeking compensation for injuries sustained during an improper law enforcement "sting" operation.*
- A Chapter 13 debtor seeking sanctions against creditor for violation of the Bankruptcy Code's automatic stay provisions.*

In addition to his work representing clients in litigation and arbitration, Mr. Flores enjoys advising clients on bankruptcy and debtor-creditor issues.

* Denotes work performed prior to joining the Firm.

Professional Activities

Member, Bar Association of San Francisco

Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Northern California

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

Education

Yale University
B.A. in Ethics, Politics and Economics, 2010

Harvard Law School
J.D., 2013

Admissions

California State Bar
New York State Bar
United States District Court, Southern District of New York
United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
United States District Court, Northern District of California
United States District Court, Central District of California

Languages

Spanish