

## Who We Are



This firm was founded in 1996 by Dennis Hernandez, a graduate of Harvard Law School, Duke University and Florida State University College of Law.

Mr. Hernandez was born in 1968 and is a 5th generation native of Tampa, Florida. He graduated from Duke University at the age of 20 with a bachelor's degree in Economics, graduated 8th in a class of 260 from Florida State College of Law and attained his Master in Law (concentrating on business and securities) from Harvard at the age of 24. Mr. Hernandez spent the following four years with two very large law firms handling the most complicated and sophisticated legal matters. At the age of 28, he established this firm, which has realized phenomenal growth through diligent commitment to its clients and their legal matters.

We now provide service in all areas of law whether it is a complex lawsuit or an intricate transaction. We have assembled a group of attorneys who have an extensive background of experience, remarkable energy, great strategical insight, and extremely aggressive approaches to the most difficult legal problems. Please review the background of our lawyers on our web site.

We pride ourselves on providing outstanding service, expertise, and sophistication with the necessary business savvy to determine the appropriate answer for the legal problem to be resolved. We are committed to diligent, resourceful, creative, and exceptional representation, along with excellent value, quality and responsive client service. If you have questions about any area of law, we can help.

  
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# What We Can Do For You

## ***Preparation is the key to a successful strategy.***

We use state-of-the-art electronic legal research and employ private investigators and other experts (many of whom are on staff) when appropriate, to gather the facts. For instance, we prepare extensive review and analysis of all appropriate documents and testimony relating to your case. We study the opponent, opposing counsel, judge and jury to more effectively strategize the best avenue for your case.

## ***Negotiation and litigation.***

We do not take cases that we do not intend to win. We are very aggressive in arguing your case with opposing counsel, judge and jury. If we can conclude your case efficiently and quickly through negotiation, we will. However, if your legal matter cannot be resolved through a negotiated agreement, we will go to any lawful length to pursue your claim -- within the constraints that your resources and needs permit -- to maximize your chances of success.



## ***Counsel you about your legal matter.***

We can assess and analyze potential business transactions as well as the strengths and weaknesses of your lawsuit. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to enter into a business relationship without legal advice. Many disputes can be avoided or significantly reduced with sound legal guidance.



## ***Litigate your case.***

If your case should require court action or a trial, be assured that our attorneys are experienced trial lawyers who will very aggressively pursue your case in a manner that maximizes your chance of prevailing. We like to win as much, if not more, than you do.

Litigation costs can often be dramatically reduced if you have competent lawyers working for you in the early stages. Setting up the case correctly with aggressive strategies at the beginning can mean the difference between winning and losing -- between less expensive and more expensive legal action. In the world of law, timing is critical. Lawsuits must be filed within a set period of time, called the statute of limitations. If your case is not filed within that time period, you can lose your rights regardless of the strength of your claim.

Every transaction has the potential for litigation. No matter how confident you are of your position, someone could create a problem. We see it every day. Many people don't see the "loopholes" or understand exactly how the "fine" print will affect them until the deal does not work out the way the parties intended. An attorney, well versed in the legal issues that impact you, can help protect and secure your rights in the documentation of the transaction.

Seeking the advice of competent counsel from the beginning will help minimize legal fees should a dispute arise.

# Practice Areas

- *Trials & Transactions*
- *Business and Corporate Law*
- *Real Estate Law*
- *Employment / Labor Law*
- *Securities Law*
- *Criminal Law*
- *Family Law*
- *Intellectual Property Law*
- *Estate Planning*
- *Probate Law*
- *Wills and Trusts*
- *Tax Planning*
- *Insurance law*
- *Premises Liability*
- *Personal Injury / Medical Malpractice*

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