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Practice Areas

Environmental Law, Energy & Land Use

Energy

Environmental Law & Administrative Litigation

Government & Legislative Affairs

Permitting

Fiscal & Economic Policymaking

Legislative, testimonial and report drafting and advocacy

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1989

Texas Christian University, B.B.A. in Finance, 1986

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Jorge L. San Miguel is a Capital Member and Chair of the firm's Energy and Environmental Law Practice Group. He is also Co-Chair of the Government and Legislative Affairs Practice Group.

Prior to joining *Ferraiuoli*, Jorge was a partner in another major law firm in San Juan, specializing in environmental law and litigation, energy, land use matters and government/regulatory affairs. He represents businesses in all types of adversarial proceedings involving environmental issues, including administrative enforcement actions before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, and the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, among others. He also counsels clients on regulatory compliance matters including Environmental Impact Statement processes, under applicable federal and local environmental statutes and regulations.

Jorge is actively involved in energy law projects and has successfully represented clients before the P.R. Electric Power Authority negotiating power purchase and operation agreements related to renewable energy projects, including wind, solar and resource recovery facilities. In 2010, he served as a private sector member representative of the Puerto Rico Wheeling Committee, comprised of representatives from the P.R. Governor's Office, P.R. Electric Power Authority, Department of Economic Development and Commerce, the Energy Affairs Administration and the P.R. Industrial Development Company.

In 2009, Jorge helped lead a team that drafted Puerto Rico's new Permits Process Reform Act Bill, under the stewardship of Puerto Rico's Department of Economic Development and Commerce. The Bill became law on December 1, 2009, bringing significant changes to Puerto Rico's permitting processes.

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On the Government/Regulatory affairs front, Jorge chaired and co-chaired the 2008 and 2012 Platform Committees for Governor Luis Fortuño, respectively. In addition, at the national level he served in the 2012 Republican Party Platform Committee under Co-Chairs, Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) and Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). He was also a member of that platform's subcommittee on Energy, Agriculture and the Environment.

As a member of *Ferraiuoli's* Government and Legislative Affairs Practice Group, he represents businesses in policymaking, permitting, regulatory, restructuring, and economic development matters before the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and the Executive and Legislative branches of both the State and Municipal governments. Most recently, he has represented clients in efforts related to Puerto Rico's fiscal and economic crisis, Congressional involvement related thereto, energy infrastructure challenges and opportunities, as well as legislation regarding a Puerto Rico Federal Oversight Board and related initiatives involving infrastructure and economic growth projects and policies.

Publications

- Named, *"P.R. Government's Ratio of Debt Service to Revenue of 35% is Deceptive, Critics Say"*, Caribbean Business, May 12, 2016
- Named, *"Defends delay of audited financial statements"*, El Vocero, May 6, 2016
- Named, *"Millstein: After Restructuring, Debt Service-to-Revenue Ratio Will be Higher than in most Indebted State"*, Caribbean Business, May 6, 2016
- Named, *"Panel Highlights Options to Pull/ Puerto Rico Out of Fiscal/Economic Hole"*, Caribbean Business, May 5, 2016
- Author with Sonia Colón, Esq., *"Puerto Rico Debt: Credibility is The Crisis"*, American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), May 2016
- Author with Sonia Colón, Esq., *"Legislative Update: Proposed Puerto Rico Recovery Law – PROMESA"*, American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), May 2016
- Named, *"The US Congress could vote on a new version of the debt restructuring draft by mid-May"* (El Congreso de EE.UU. podría votar una nueva versión del proyecto para mediados de mayo), Sin Comillas, April 29, 2016
- Named, *"CNE 'stresses of urgency' for Congressional action"*, News is my Business Publication, April 29, 2016
- Named, *"Implications of having a Fiscal Control Board"* (*Implicaciones de tener una Junta de Control Fiscal*), El Nuevo Día, March 27, 2016
- Named, *"UPR Forum: Chapter 9 Bankruptcy Protection is not the Holy Grail That Will Reverse Fiscal Decline"*, Caribbean Business, February 18, 2016
- Named, *"Light Shed Again on Puerto Rico's Energy Woes Latest Congressional Hearing"* and *"Puerto Rico Energy Issues Discussed in US House Hearing"*, Caribbean Business, January 14, 2016
- Named, *"Puerto Rico Utility's Debt Plan Still Fragile, Lawmakers Are Told"*, New York Times, January 12, 2016
- Author, Short and Long version of Congressional Testimony: *"Exploring Energy Challenges and Opportunities Facing Puerto Rico"* – Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, House Committee of Natural Resources, January 12, 2016
- Named, *"US House to hold Hearing Tuesday on Puerto Rico Energy Challenges"*, Caribbean Business, January 11, 2016

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Publications (continued)

- Author with Lillian Mateo Santos, Esq., International Comparative Legal Guide to Environment & Climate Change Law Puerto Rico Chapter, (2015 and 2016 Editions) published by the Global Legal Group Ltd., London
- Author with Eidalía González-Tosado, Esq., “*International Comparative Legal Guide to Oil & Gas Regulation 2015 and 2016 (Puerto Rico)*,” published by Global Legal Group Ltd., London
- Author, “*Puerto Rico needs reform, not bankruptcy protection*”, CNBC: Bankruptcy Article Section, October 27, 2015
- Author, Opinion article: “*To save Puerto Rico from bankruptcy, face the facts*”, The New York Post, August 31, 2015
- Author, Article “*Chapter 9 would address just a small fraction of Puerto Rico’s debt*”, Financial Times, August 5, 2015
- Co-authored with recognized criminal law professor Luis E. Chiesa Aponte, “*The Catastrophe of the Catastrophic Risk Crimes*”. 75 REV. JUR. U.P.R. 529 (2006)

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Business Council for Latin America, CEAL (Consejo Empresarial de América Latina, Capítulo de Puerto Rico), “*Economic Transformation and Restructuring Conference*”, May 5, 2016
- Speaker, Monthly Meeting of the Association of General Contractors of America-PR Chapter, “*Puerto Rico’s Situation in Washington, DC; Implications for the Island and Construction Industry; Impact of the New Moratorium Act 21-2016*”, April 28, 2016
- Analyst Panel: Enrique Cruz; Noti-Uno Radio 630 AM; *Federal Oversight Board and Impact on Puerto Rico’s fiscal and economic future*; April 18, 2016
- Analyst Panel: Rubén Sánchez Radio; Univision; WKAQ 580 AM; *Economic Development, Tax, Permitting Policy*, March 10, 2016
- Panelist, American Action Forum, “*Changing Course: The Policies Needed to Improve Puerto Rico’s Fiscal Health*”, February 10, 2016
- Panelist, University of Puerto Rico Business Law Journal Symposium, “*Public Debt and the Future of Puerto Rico*” (*La Deuda Pública y el Porvenir de Puerto Rico*), February 3, 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Association of General Contractors of America-PR Chapter, “*Re-establishing Economic Growth through Infrastructure Investment*”, January 28, 2016
- Witness, U.S. Congress, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, House Committee of Natural Resources, Hearing: “*Exploring Energy Challenges and Opportunities Facing Puerto Rico*”, January 12, 2016
- Panelist, Duke University School of Law/Business Law Society, “*Modern Municipal Restructurings: Puerto Rico and Beyond*,” November 10, 2015
- Panelist, Public Policy Institute, Ana G. Mendez University System, Puerto Rico, “*Economic Freedom: A Requirement for Growth*”, October 27, 2015
- Panelist, Center for Economic Renewal, Growth and Excellence (Centro Para la Renovación Económica, Crecimiento y Excelencia – (“CRECE”): Forum at the Luis G. Fortuño XXI Century Library, “*Economic Freedom: Condition for Growth-Fiscal and Economic Solutions*”, September 21, 2015
- Panelist, Puerto Rico Manufacturer’s Association, “*Energy and Economic Competitiveness through Energy and Tax Reform*”, “*Development of an Integral Energy Plan for Puerto Rico by the Department of Interior*”, April 30, 2015

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Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
 - Environmental Committee
 - Energy Committee
- Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
 - Energy and Water Committee
 - Environment, Infrastructure and Permits Committee
- Association of Renewable Energy Producers (APER)
- Interamerican Association of Sanitary Engineers and Environmental Sciences – PR Chapter (AIDIS-PR) (Asociación Interamericana de Ingeniería Sanitaria y Ciencias del Ambiente)
- Puerto Rico Conservation Trust, Advisory Council Chair (2010-2015)
- Center for Economic Renewal, Growth and Excellence (Centro Para la Renovación Económica, Crecimiento y Excelencia – (“CRECE”) – Founding Board Member, 2013)

Professional Recognition

- Jorge has been recognized in the 2015 Latin America Edition of Chambers & Partners as a Leading Individual in Environmental Law
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® International, an organization with a Board of Advisors comprised of leaders from the world’s leading law firms and General Counsel of Fortune 500 and Global 500 companies, as a Best Lawyer® in Puerto Rico for Corporate and M&A Law (2013-2015)
- Best Lawyers® Lawyer of the Year Corporate and M&A Law 2014