

## CARMELO J. RÍOS-SANTIAGO Majority Leader Puerto Rico State Senate

Carmelo J. Ríos-Santiago, born on May 21, 1973 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is an attorney and politician.

Senator Ríos possesses a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from Bethune-Cookman University.

In 1998, he obtained his Juris Doctor and started his own law firm specializing in Administrative, Civil, and Criminal Law in 2001.

In 2004 he was elected Senator for the Bayamón District of Puerto Rico.

He was elected for a fourth consecutive term in 2016, and selected as the Senate Majority Leader.

In national politics he is an active member of the Democratic Party, LULAC, Council of State Governments Eastern Region and the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators where he currently serves as Vice-President.