

Our Firm

We combine legal, business, and political skills to provide integrated solutions for clients worldwide.

As a business-minded law firm, our mission is to offer more than just solutions. We provide a collaborative team of legal professionals who share a personal interest in our clients' successes. We are committed to providing the highest and most efficient level of service to all firm clients, regardless of the size or complexity of the matter. This undertaking demands the personal involvement and immediate responsiveness of our multi-cultural lawyers to assure a comprehensive and strategic understanding of the facts and circumstances of each and every case.

The firm has been effectively serving clients throughout Latin and Central America, Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East and Asia, as well as American corporations dealing with foreign jurisdictions. As international disputes increase due to business expansion in foreign markets, we have combined legal, business and political skills to provide integrated solutions for clients worldwide.

At De La Peña Group, clients will find the legal sophistication, experience, and standards of a large, multi-national firm with the flexibility and personal attention of a smaller practice. It is this consistent high level of personal care and professionalism that allows us to provide top quality legal representation.

Areas of Practice

- ▶ Banking and Finance
- ▶ Corporate Law
- ▶ Commercial Law
- ▶ Emerging Companies
- ▶ Litigation
- ▶ Dispute Resolution
- ▶ Real Estate
- ▶ International Law

**In litigation,
there is always a winner and a loser.
We strive to win.**

Our Principal



Leoncio E. de la Peña, was born in Cuba. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Florida, with high honors and then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1984. Mr. de la Peña

has extensive experience representing clients in litigation involving a wide range of complex problems. His practice includes dispute resolution arising in such contexts as mergers and acquisitions, shareholder relationships, venture capital, trademark infringement and other financing and securities transactions, real estate transactions, as well as a broad range of commercial litigation matters concerning banking issues, securities, business torts, patent infringement, breach of contract, insurance and fidelity-bond coverage. His client list consists of the "who's who" of Latin America.

Our Attorneys



Otto C. de Córdoba, was born in Cuba. He grew up in Queens, New York, and received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University in 1980 and law degree from Columbia University in 1984. Mr. de Córdoba has been partner at prestigious firms where he has represented several Fortune 500 Companies including, State Farm, Chevron, Ford Motor Company, Teacher Pension and Annuity Fund, and the Florida Department of Insurance in both State and Federal Court. De Córdoba has experience in handling complex commercial litigation, class action, product liability and employment discrimination suits.



Tracy Pérez graduated Cum Laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center in 2004 with a Juris Doctor degree. Pérez was a member of the rigorous and distinct circle of Nova Law Review and served as an Articles Editor on the 2003-2004 Editorial Board. During her studies at Nova, she was the recipient of several honors including an MPLE scholarship, a Goodwin scholarship, Dean's List, Pre-Trial Practice Book Award, and a Pro Bono Award for over 125 hours of service.



Arturo Alvarez is Of Counsel to De La Peña Group. Alvarez was born in Havana, Cuba. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1970 from the University of Florida as well as his Juris Doctor in 1972. In 1973, he became an Assistant State Attorney for Miami-Dade County. On 1977, he joined the Office of the City Attorney, City of Miami, as an Assistant City Attorney, where he headed the Litigation (Torts) division. After he left government employment, Alvarez has had a litigation practice that has included both criminal defense and a broad spectrum of complex-civil litigation. In 1994, Alvarez was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court as a member of the Article V Task Force, the committee responsible for suggesting revisions to Article V of the Florida Constitution. Alvarez was one of the founding members of the Cuban American Bar Association ("CABA"), which he presided during 1994.



Attilio M. Costabel, Of Counsel to De La Peña Group, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Genoa School of Law in 1962. In 1987, he attended University of Miami School of Law, graduating with cum laude honors. From 1974 to 1985, he was a correspondent of Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly for Italy and France. Costabel co-authored the Klower book series on Admiralty law, printed for the International Bar Association. Costabel is the co-founder of Miami Maritime Arbitration Board, Founding Member and Director of Italy-America Chamber of Commerce, and served in various court cases as an expert witness on Italian Law. Costabel is Adjunct Professor at St. Thomas University, School of Law in Miami.

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