



# MATIAS GALLEGO-MANZANO

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# **BIOGRAPHY**

Matias Gallego-Manzano is a member of the firm's Business & Commercial Disputes Practice Group and handles litigation involving complex business transactions, commercial contract, and real estate disputes. Matias formerly served as regional co-chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Matias also serves a variety of pro bono clients and is actively involved in firm activities. He has provided corporate governance advice to a non-profit organization serving underprivileged communities in Cali, Colombia and has represented individuals and families facing deportation from the United States. Matias is also currently the New York Office liaison of the firm's Race Ethnicity Inclusion Network, formerly known as the Lawyers of Color Affinity Group and is a member of the New York Office Recruitment Committee.

Prior to joining the firm, Matias taught social studies and mathematics at Jose de Diego Middle School and International Studies Charter High School, each in Miami, FL.

### CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Associate Editor, Cardozo Law Review Vol. 37
- Mentor, Practicing Attorneys for Law Students
- Big Brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York City Bar Association
- Former Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Hispanic National Bar Association Region II

#### **SPOKEN LANGUAGES**

Spanish

#### **ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey, 2018
- New York, 2017

#### **EDUCATION**

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2016

Nova Southeastern University, M.S., 2011

Stony Brook University, B.A., 2007

#### RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Real Estate
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- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### REAL ESTATE DISPUTES

- Represent international office space operator in commercial holdover proceedings.
- Represent global leader in commercial real estate services in connection with third-party document and deposition subpoenas.
- Represent special servicer in federal action concerning defaulted \$400 million loan secured by over forty garden-style apartment complexes spread across six states, seeking the appointment of a receiver authorized to market and sell the collateral properties.
- Represent lender in dispute concerning defaulted \$7 million consolidated acquisition, building and project loan secured by mixed-use property in New York, NY.
- Represented special servicer in federal foreclosure action on defaulted \$8 million loan secured by a hotel in Long Island City, NY, and related claim against guarantor alleging that full recourse was triggered by unauthorized indebtedness and fraudulent misrepresentation
- Represented lender in foreclosure action on defaulted \$15 million loan secured by office property in Parsippany, NJ.
- Represented special servicer in federal action against guarantor on defaulted \$200 million loan secured by historic tower in Chicago, IL alleging that full recourse triggered by, among other things, unauthorized indebtedness.
- Represented special servicer in foreclosure action concerning defaulted \$7 million loan secured by retail property in Rochester, NY, and related claim against guarantor alleging that full recourse was triggered by borrower's misappropriation of funds.
- Represented lender in foreclosure action concerning defaulted \$68 million consolidated acquisition, building and project loan secured by hotel in Brooklyn, NY.
- Represented luxury retailer in leasing and construction dispute relating to landlord's failure to restore anchor store after cancelling development of 52-story tower in Boston, MA.
- Represented multi-channel spa and retail product company in leasing dispute relating to an alleged insurance default.

#### COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS DISPUTES

- Represent national medical distributor and healthcare solutions provider in breach of contract dispute relating to non-delivery of medical supplies.
- Represent mechanical rights management solutions provider in federal action alleging contributory copyright infringement.
- Represented international trucking and leasing company in various breach of contract disputes.
- Represented public benefit corporation responsible for public transportation in New York in federal action seeking the remediation of lead paint on subway line trestles.

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Lender's refusal to approve property sale not intentional interference with business relations

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May 21, 2020

U.S. COVID-19: New York state's temporary commercial foreclosure ban is inapplicable to proposed sales of collateralized assets governed by the UCC.

Diversity

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