



## Joseph L. Linares

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#### Practice Areas:

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- Construction Law
- Corporate & Business Law
- FDCPA Defense
- Financial Services & Risk Management
- Intellectual Property & Trade Secret Litigation
- Labor & Employment Law
- Regulatory and Public Policy

#### States Admitted to Practice:

- New Jersey
- New York
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia

#### Courts Admitted to Practice:

- US District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Courts for the Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of New York

#### Education:

- Rutgers University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2014)
- Seton Hall University (M.B.A., *highest honors*, 2009)
- Villanova University (B.A., 2005)

#### Affiliations:

- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
- Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association
- El Colegio Nacional de Abogados Cubanos'
- Essex County Bar Association
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- Hispanic National Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey
- Historical Society for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- North Hudson Lawyers' Club
- Rutgers Law School Alumni Association

Joseph L. Linares concentrates his practice on litigation, contract drafting and complex negotiations. Joseph handles a multitude of dispute types including contract claims and drafting, intellectual property, employment, construction and torts as well corporate/business law and transactional work. In addition to servicing established corporate clients, he also provides counsel for non-profits, small businesses, and start-up ventures. Joseph has completed a secondment as corporate counsel at a Fortune 100 financial services firm, focusing on contract drafting and transactional work.

Prior to joining the firm, Joseph spent three years at mid-sized regional law firm. During law school, Joseph served as an Analyst for the Staff Attorney and Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

Joseph earned his J.D. cum laude from Rutgers University School of Law, where he served as the Student Bar Association Vice President, a Fellow for the Minority Student Program, and a Teaching Associate for Legal Research & Writing. He was also awarded the Rutgers School of Law Alumni Senior Prize, bestowed on the graduate exhibiting the "greatest achievement during their entire law school career, and who has the greatest promise as a future member of the legal profession." In addition to his J.D., Joseph also holds a B.A. from Villanova University and an M.B.A. from Seton Hall University.

#### News and Activities

- Adjunct Professor - Seton Hall University Stillman School of Business, MBA program
- Deputy National Finance Director – Hispanic National Bar Association
- Region III President – Hispanic National Bar Association (2018-2019)
- Board of Governors Member – Hispanic National Bar Association (2015-present)
- President – Rutgers Law School Newark Alumni Association (2019-2020)
- Trustee at Large – New Jersey State Bar Association (2020 – Present)
- Trustee at Large - Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (2016-2019)
- Trustee – Historical Society for the United States District Court for the District of NJ
- Board of Directors Member - American Autism Association
- Moderator for panel HNBA/VIA Corporate Counsel Conference - "Crisis Management and Recovery for Businesses in the Wake of COVID-19" (March 2021)

## News and Activities (continued)

- Moderator for panel on “Becoming a Culturally Competent Lawyer in a Global Society” at the HNBA/VIA Annual Convention (September 2019)
- Panelist at the Hispanic National Bar Association/VIA Corporate Counsel Conference. Linares and his co-panelists presented on “GOOD Guys + Men in the Mix: Male Allyship and Success in the Law” (March 2021)
- Panelist at the Essex County Bar Foundation Professionalism Day in Newark, NJ. Linares and his co-panelists presented on “Let’s Talk About Diversity: How Meaningful is the Conversation in the Legal Community?” (December 2018)
- Panelist at the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBA-NJ)’s CLE at Lowenstein Sandler. Linares and his co-panelists presented on “Are You in? Diversity, Inclusion and Corporate Responsibility” (November 2018)
- Panelist at the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBA-NJ) Corporate Counsel Round Table in Newark, NJ. Linares and his co-panelists presented on “E-Discovery and the New Federal Rules” (November 2016)
- Panelist at the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Corporate Counsel Conference in Las Vegas, NV. Linares and his co-panelists presented on “Put it Up or Take It Down? Leveraging Social Media to Grow Your Practice” (March 2016)

## Honors and Awards

- “Rising Stars” Award – Super Lawyers (2022, 2023)
- “New Leaders of the Bar” – New Jersey Law Journal (2022)
- “Trailblazer of the Year” – Rutgers University School of Law ALALS (2021)
- “Top Lawyers Under 40” Award – Hispanic National Bar Association (2021)
- “Outstanding Pro Bono Services Award” – United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2017)

## Decisions

- *Hill v. Full 360 Inc.*, 2019 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 1240
- *In re: Tropicana Orange Juice Mktg. & Sales Practices Litig.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9797, 2018 WL 497071
- *Kadonsky v. Lee*, 452 N.J. Super. 198 (App. Div. 2017)

## Publications

- Author, “Worker Use of Medical Marijuana Poses Challenges for Employers” *Noticias* (HNBA/VIA Annual Convention Special Edition (September 2019)
- Author, “SCOTUS’s Limitation on Patent Suit Venue to Have Immediate Impact” *Noticias* (September 2017)