

Foley Expands Construction Litigation Practice With Miami Trial Lawyer

Ralf Rodriguez has joined **Foley & Lardner LLP's** Construction Practice as of counsel in the Miami office, the firm announced. Rodriguez has international experience litigating including construction law, commercial litigation, white-collar criminal defense and transportation law.

Rodriguez represents domestic and international general contractors, construction managers, sureties and other construction professionals in the United States and abroad in the negotiation, litigation, arbitration and mediation of construction and design defect claims, insurance claims and surety bond claims, among others. He has experience representing clients in zoning waivers, landlord and tenant disputes, environmental compliance, bankruptcy litigation and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Rodriguez has assisted clients in connection with a variety of construction projects, including sports arenas, high rise condominium developments, manufacturing plants and hydroelectric power facilities. Projects include the Florida Marlins Baseball Park, the Florida Citrus Bowl, the Miami Intermodal Center and the Cerro De Aguila Hydroelectric Power Plant in Peru.

"As our clients look to expand globally, Ralf's international experience litigating complex construction matters will be an extremely valuable asset," said Jeff Blease, chair of Foley's Construction Litigation Practice.

In a release, the firm said:

Rodriguez also represents corporate clients in internal investigations and government inquiries by defending

regulatory actions and fraud claims, including advice regarding compliance with anti-corruption laws such as the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar legislation. He has worked with numerous corporate clients to structure and reassess corporate compliance and training programs, and has counseled clients to complete numerous investigations of sensitive matters in foreign jurisdictions, including Latin America and the Caribbean.

In addition to his legal practice, Rodriguez served as a law enforcement professional with the Department of Treasury and completed many public corruption and organized crime investigations, while working closely with the U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Southern District of Florida.

"Ralf's knowledge and experience will serve our clients well, as the local construction industry continues to boom," said William Davis, managing partner of Foley's Miami office.

Prior to joining Foley, Rodriguez was at Peckar & Abramson.