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New Appointments Announced

Managing Director Arturo J. García-Solá announced the designation of <u>Juan A. Marqués</u> and <u>Raúl M. Arias</u> as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Firm's Litigation Practice Group, effective immediately.

These positions were held by <u>Francisco G. Bruno</u>, Chair of the Litigation Practice Group since 2002 and <u>Roberto C.</u> <u>Quiñones</u>, Vice-Chair since 2006, who led the group through sustained growth and stability over several years. Mr. Bruno, a retired Capital Member, will be guiding Juan as he transitions into the position of Litigation Chair.

Mr. Quiñones will continue to manage the complex litigation cases he oversees for the Firm's clients, in addition to his responsibilities as a Member of the Policy Committee and the Pro Bono Committee. He will also join the Firm's Marketing and Business Planning Committee.

Also effective immediately, <u>Henry Freese</u> will become Chair of the Firm's Professional Development Committee, a position previously held by Mr. Marqués. In addition, <u>Paul Cortés</u> has been named Chief Operating Officer of the Firm.

Juan Carlos was Chief Operating Officer since 2008 and worked closely with the Managing Director and the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer to keep the Firm's operations running efficiently and productively, and will be available to help Paul in his transition into the COO position.

Please join us in congratulating Juan, Raúl, Henry, Roberto, Juan Carlos and Paul on their respective designations, and wishing them success in their new roles. Also, please join us in thanking Paco and Roberto for their valuable service, exemplary leadership, and significant contributions to the Firm.



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