



José A. (Josean) Díaz-Brugueras

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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Commercial Real Estate & Notarial Practice

Commercial Leasing & Retail

Construction

Foreclosure & Commercial Collections

Real Estate Acquisitions & Sales

Real Estate Asset Recovery and Disposition

Real Estate Finance

Corporate

Commercial Lending & Corporate Finance

Education

University of Puerto Rico School of Law,
J.D., 2011

Georgetown University, B.S.BA. in Finance
and Marketing, 2007

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

State of Florida

U.S. District Court for the District of
Puerto Rico

José A. (Josean) Díaz-Brugueras is a Capital Member with the Corporate, Commercial Real Estate and Notarial Practice and Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Practice Groups. Prior to joining Ferraiuoli, Josean was an Assistant Vice President at Banco Popular De Puerto Rico's Construction Loans Division where he managed over \$600MM in mostly distressed residential and commercial real estate assets. As part of his role at Banco Popular, he managed loan originations, complex financial restructurings, large bankruptcy cases, lender liability and foreclosure litigation, as well as the negotiation and closing of transactions involving the sale of loan portfolios, individual loans and repossessed assets. He also managed corporate, legal and administrative matters of several limited liability companies which were created as subsidiaries of Banco Popular for the ownership, management and eventual disposition of repossessed commercial and residential properties.

Josean's practice is concentrated in the areas of commercial law and creditors' rights, including commercial lending, secured transactions, workout negotiations, distressed debt, debtor-in-possession financing, settlements and transactions within bankruptcy, construction loans, commercial real estate financing, private equity and corporate credit for both Puerto Rico and U.S. clients. Recently, Josean has been very active advising financial institutions in workouts and restructurings of commercial loans, as well as counseling both buyers and sellers in the purchase and sale of portfolios of commercial loans and REO's. Furthermore, Josean is constantly involved in complex transactions within bankruptcy, involving debtor reorganization and/or the transfer of real estate and operating businesses through §363 sales or within bankruptcy reorganization plans.

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Representative Cases or Transactions

- Represented Lone Star Funds in the acquisition of a portfolio of commercial loans from Firstbank Puerto Rico with an unpaid principal balance of close to \$400MM.
- Represented Puerto Rico's largest window manufacturer in the acquisition of its main competitor through a complex bankruptcy transaction involving tax authorities, local government, two financial institutions, over one hundred employees, and other stakeholders.

Publications

- "Lender Liability in Construction and Real Estate Financing," published in Legal Handbook for Architects, Engineers and Contractors: Issues in Construction and Technology 2011/2012, Volume 28; Edited by Albert H. Dib, 2012 Thomson Reuters.

Affiliations

- Puerto Rico Bar Association