

Irene Oria

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PRACTICE

Financial Services/Class Action
Insurance

EDUCATION

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J.D., Cornell Law School, 1999
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B.A., Columbia College, 1996

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk, The Hon. Cecilia M. Altonaga, U.S.
District Court, Southern District of Florida,
2003–2004

Irene Oria has over 15 years of experience in complex commercial business litigation in federal and state courts and arbitration tribunals with a focus in recent years on Financial Services, Insurance and Securities Litigation, including nationwide class and multi-district litigation. She has tried jury and non-jury cases.

Ms. Oria represents domestic and international public and private companies and individual officers and directors in contract-related and business tort disputes; complex insurance coverage and bad faith disputes, including director and officer liability matters; accounting negligence and other professional negligence disputes; corporate governance disputes; SEC, Florida Attorney General and other state and federal regulatory investigations; white collar matters including civil and criminal RICO actions; securities fraud actions alleging violations of state and federal securities laws; employer side employment-related disputes including employment discrimination matters; product liability disputes; and antitrust litigation. In particular, Ms. Oria has experience defending banks and other large financial institutions in complex commercial litigation, including consumer class actions alleging violations of consumer protection laws. She has also represented insurance companies in insurance fraud investigations. Ms. Oria routinely defends clients in matters related to the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practice Act (FDUTPA) and the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act.

Prior to joining Stroock, Ms. Oria served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. During her tenure at the United States Justice Department, Ms. Oria defended the interests of the United States in civil suits filed in the U.S. District Courts alleging statutory torts, constitutional torts, violations of civil rights and employment discrimination/harassment/retaliation laws, medical malpractice and a myriad of other claims.

Ms. Oria is fluent in Spanish.

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Representative Matters

- Investment managers/funds in securities fraud litigation relating to Bernard L. Madoff
- Leading sports event marketing and management companies in breach of contract dispute relating to the Copa America Fútbol tournament
- Leading global accounting firm in accounting malpractice litigation
- Major banks, credit card companies and securities and investment firms in financial services litigation, including breach of contract disputes, class action litigation and arbitrations
- Leading car rental company in varied commercial litigation
- Leading foreign telecommunications company in enforcement of judgment proceedings
- Leading affinity marketing company in Florida Attorney General investigations
- Leading Northeast real estate brokerage firm in breach of contract/lease disputes
- Leading cruise line in commercial litigation, including class action litigation
- Leading spirits, wine and beer companies in commercial litigation, including antitrust litigation
- Leading medical/health care product supplier and various other entities in product liability litigation
- Global pharmaceutical company in commercial litigation, including class action litigation
- Entities and individuals in confidential white collar criminal investigations

- Entities and individuals in internal investigations, regulatory advice and other corporate compliance matters

Honors and Awards

- Named to *South Florida Legal Guide's* "Top Lawyers," 2015-2017
- Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy Fellow, 2015
- Listed as a "Top Up and Comer" in Commercial Litigation and Financial Litigation by the *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2014 and 2015 editions
- Recipient of the "40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County" Award by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2013
- Named to the 2013 Lawyers of Color "Hot List" (Southern Region)

Memberships

- Vice President of Programs, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2017-present
 - National Finance Director, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2015-2017
 - Florida Regional President, Region VIII, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2014-2015
 - Member, Hispanic Bar Association
- Member, Standing Committee for Local Rules and Procedures, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2015-present
- Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, The Florida Bar, 2015-2017
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- Member, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Member, Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, South Florida Chapter, Federal Bar Association
- Member, Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- Member, Dade County Bar Association
- Member, Cuban American Bar Association
- Member, Stroock Diversity Committee
- Panelist, “The Holy Grail: Pay Gap Increases and Negotiating to Decrease Inequity,” HNBA 2015 Annual Convention, Boston, MA, September 2-5, 2015
- Panelist, “Top Issues Facing Young Hispanic Attorneys,” HNBA 2014 Annual Convention, Washington, DC, September 10-13, 2014

Admitted to Practice

Florida, 2001; New York, 2001; New Jersey, 2000; U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 2000; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2001; U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2002; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2001; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2001

Selected Activities

- Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Florida, Civil Division, 2005-2007

Speeches and Events

- Speaker, 4th Annual National Diversity Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair 2017, Miami, FL, October 13, 2017
- Moderator, “Bad Faith Nightmares: Recent Trends & Themes In Bad and Extra-Contractual Insurance Litigation,” 2017 Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, Kansas City, MO, September 7, 2017
- Panelist, “Beware of Spoliation: Civil and Criminal Penalties for Destroying Stale Information,” HNBA 2016 Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, September 7-10, 2016
- Moderator, “Don’t Print! Legal Writing & Reading in The Digital Age,” HNBA 2016 Corporate Counsel Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 16-19, 2016