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Victor X. Cerda is a seasoned litigator and practitioner specializing in immigration law, INTERPOL, and the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Mr. Cerda began his professional legal career at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) as a member of the DOJ Honors Program's Class of 1995 and represented the United States in hundreds of immigration removal proceedings. On September 11, 2001, Mr. Cerda was appointed Counsel and Acting Chief of Staff for the legacy-Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and oversaw most of the INS' post-9/11 immigration enforcement efforts and legal reforms. In March 2003, Mr. Cerda became the Counsel to the Assistant Secretary and Acting Chief of Staff for the newly created Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Mr. Cerda also served as ICE's Principal Legal Advisor overseeing approximately 600 ICE attorneys and as Director for Deportation and Removal Operations overseeing approximately 3000 Deportation Officers.

Following ten years of government service, Mr. Cerda joined the private sector as a partner in several law firms including Jackson Lewis where he represented Fortune 500 companies, Hollywood artists, and high-profile international individuals facing a myriad of immigration and visa issues both in the U.S. and abroad. In 2012, Mr. Cerda, as part of a private investment group, led a successful effort to launch a newly created television network on Comcast NBCUniversal in January of 2017. Mr. Cerda resumed his exclusive focus on law following the launch of the network continuing his representation of individuals, including former Heads of State, government Ministers, and political dissidents, in immigration, extradition, and INTERPOL matters. In addition, Mr. Cerda represented individuals involved in some of the largest U.S. foreign corrupt practices act (FCPA) investigations arising in Brazil and Venezuela.. Mr. Cerda's experience with foreign clientele and matters come from across the globe, including numerous high-profile matters involving nationals of China, Russia, Venezuela, Spain, Colombia, Brazil, Panama, Guatemala and Paraguay.

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Education

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois

Honors: Mayor Daley Leadership Scholar

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Languages

- Spanish (native fluency)