



**JASON CANALES**, Past President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, is a respected attorney with more than two decades of experience handling everyday civil matters affecting individuals, families, and small businesses. He is the founder of Canales PLLC, a minority-owned litigation firm focused on business, real estate, and employment-related disputes. Prior to establishing his firm, Mr. Canales was a partner at Moses & Singer LLP, a prominent New York City law firm, where he handled a wide range of civil cases and led litigation teams. He was appointed by the Appellate Division, First Department, to serve as a Hearing Panel Member of the Departmental Disciplinary Committee, reflecting the trust placed in his judgment, integrity, and even temperament.

Raised on Eastern Long Island by his Spanish-speaking grandmother while his parents worked multiple jobs, Mr. Canales was the first in his family to graduate from college and earn a law degree. His upbringing—rooted in the values of hard work and education—shaped a career grounded in fairness and an understanding of the real-life challenges people bring into court.

In addition to his private practice, Mr. Canales has dedicated himself to public service. He has represented unaccompanied minors through Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), assisted small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and has served as pro-bono counsel to not-for-profit organizations. He has also volunteered as a mock trial judge, served on the Board of Boys Town New York, and supported organizations assisting individuals experiencing homelessness and serious illness.

Mr. Canales is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, where he earned his J.D. cum laude and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Student Editorial Board of the Psychology, Public Policy & Law journal. He continues to serve on the Board of the Puerto Rican Bar Association and is also a member of the New York City Bar Association, the LGBT Bar Association of New York, and the National LGBT Bar Association, which named him one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 in 2018. He frequently speaks on issues of ethics, bias, and access to justice, and has published extensively on litigation practice. Mr. Canales resides in Manhattan with his husband and two daughters.

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Canales PLLC, New York, New York**

*Sole Member/Attorney, September 2019 through Present*

Manage all phases of litigation from case initiation through resolution or trial across a diverse range of business matters. Focus areas include breach of contract, fraud, partnership disputes, commercial real estate transactions, landlord/tenant issues, securities enforcement defense, employment disputes, and real property partition actions.

#### **Moses & Singer LLP, New York, New York**

*Partner, 2011 to September 2019*

Concentrated in complex commercial litigation, regulatory enforcement actions, and government investigations. Served as lead counsel, overseeing case strategy, litigation budgets, and the supervision of associate attorneys. Actively contributed as a member of the firm's diversity committee, promoting inclusive practices within the firm.

#### **Gersten Savage LLP, New York, New York**

*Litigation Associate, February 2005 to June 2011*

Practiced across a broad spectrum of civil litigation and white-collar criminal and regulatory matters; supported trial teams in high-stakes proceedings and contributed to strategic case development and resolution.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida**

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 2004

Journals: *Psychology, Public Policy & Law*: Editor-in-Chief of Student Editorial Board

#### **State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York**

Bachelor of Arts in History, Cum Laude, 1999-2001

#### **University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida**

Bachelor's coursework completed, 1997-1999

### **ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES**

- **Puerto Rican Bar Association** – Immediate Past President
- **Federal Bar Council** – Inn of Court Member; Former Co-Chair, Diversity Committee
- **Departmental Disciplinary Committee, Appellate Division First Judicial Department** – Appointed Hearing Panel Member (2015-2016)
- **LGBT Bar Association of New York** – Judiciary Committee Member
- **New York City Bar Association** – Member
- **National LGBT Bar Association** – Named to “40 Under 40” (2018)
- **New York State Bar Association** – Member

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York (2005), Florida (2004), United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Preserving Privilege And Maintaining Client Confidences When Dealing With Third-Party Consultants During a Crisis” NYSBA NYLitigator Fall 2016 Vol. 21 No. 2
- “Keeping Up With Upjohn: Preserving Attorney-Client Privilege in Corporate Internal Investigations” New York State Bar Association Journal, February 2016
- “Who’s The Next Target in the SEC’s Quest to Protect Corporate Whistleblowers?” LexisNexis Corporate Law Advisory, July 2015
- “Demystifying ESQrow Ethics” New York State Bar Association Journal, May 2013
- “SEC Offers Incentives to Whistleblowers: Potential Risks and Strategies for Public and Private Companies” Lexology, September 2011
- “Finders Agreements In A State of Flux” Law 360, July 2011

## **RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Pride Month Celebration: United in Pride, Second Judicial District Equal Justice Committee – June 23, 2025
- How to Hold Your Own in Court, Brooklyn Bar Association – April 30, 2025
- A Spotlight on Moving Justice Forward: The Latino Community in the Law and Judiciary, Appellate Division, First Department – October 7, 2024
- Overcoming the Past to Empower the Future: Strength in the LGBTQ+ Latino/a/x Community, presented by LeGal, Dominican Bar Association, and Hispanic National Bar Association – June 8, 2023
- Virtual Proceedings in the New York State and Federal Courts: Lessons Learned and Next Steps – Experience in Complex Litigation Courts, New York City Bar Association – March 2021
- Virtual Proceedings in the New York State and Federal Courts: Lessons Learned and Next Steps – Roundtable on Best Practices – March 2021
- Serving and Responding to Federal Non-Party Subpoenas: A Practical Overview, New York Women’s Bar Association – January 2020
- How to Improve Your Success in the Courtroom by Understanding Implicit Bias in Your Presentation, New York State Bar Association – Faculty, September 2019
- E-Discovery 2016: Best Practices and Ethical Implications, New York City Bar Center for CLE – Faculty, September 2016
- Unconscious Bias: What Is It and Does It Impact Our Professional Experiences as Lawyers Practicing in Law Firms?, Federal Bar Council CLE Program – Moderator, March 2017
- Overview of Ethics Issues Confronted by the New Practitioner, Appellate Division, First Department Character & Fitness Committee Orientation Program – 2014–2016 (various dates)