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### Luis Cortes

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Luis Cortes works with clients to secure regulatory approvals in the areas of land use and alcohol beverage law, with significant experience in state and municipal alcoholic beverage license requirements, tied-house laws, and enacted federal legislation.

With a focus on the hospitality sector, Luis' experience spans multistate licensing matters, as well as the State of Florida, including the City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, City of North Miami, City of North Miami Beach, City of Aventura, City of Miramar, City of Stuart, unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Pasco County, among others.

Luis guides clients through the extensive approval process for business and alcoholic beverage license applications, including preparing, completing, and expediting submittal for processing of applications to ensure issuance of new and transfer of existing licenses, while meeting the overarching goal and project deadlines of his clients.

### Notable Work

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses: Guide clients in preparing applications for new alcoholic beverage licenses, changes to existing licenses, brand and label registrations, and obtaining certificate of use, business tax receipt, occupant load certificate, and resort tax registrations, among other regulatory requirements.

**Permits and Concession Agreements**: Assist in preparing and filing sidewalk café permits and concession agreements for hospitality clients.

**Quota Liquor Licenses:** Represent buyers and sellers in the purchase and sale of Quota Liquor Licenses.

**Loan Documents and Lien Requirements**: Assist clients with preparing loan documents and filing the statutory required lien with

### Areas of Experience

Real Estate Alcohol Beverage International Florida Land Use and Entitlements

#### Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2023, cum

M.S., Nova Southeastern University, 2008 B.S., University of Puerto Rico, 2001

### Admissions

### Bars

Florida

### Languages

Spanish

#### **Related Content**

Miami-Dade County Adopts Ordinance Enacting Disclosure Requirements for Sellers/Lessors of Properties Containing Grease Traps July 17, 2024 the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco on behalf of the mortgagee to secure their interest.

## Related Professional Experience

- Bacardi, Legal Extern & Intern Office of the General Counsel, May 2022-May 2023
- Jackson Health System, Legal Extern Labor Relations Department, September 2021-January 2022
- Marc Jacobs International, Senior Public Relations Manager, 2007-2015