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**Jose A. Villalobos**

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Jose A. Villalobos’ legal career spans more than four decades and his practice includes state and local government affairs, representing cities before governmental entities. Jose focuses on legal issues involving land use and entitlements, representing Latin American clients in acquisitions and regulatory matters in the United States, and counseling clients on a broad array of legal issues, including local governmental operations, municipal law, and regulatory matters. Previously, Jose was appointed as City Attorney for the City of West Miami and has served as Chief Legal Counsel for the City. He has also served as a member of the City of Miami Building and Zoning Board, representing clients in municipal judicial and administrative matters. Currently, Jose also serves as bond and disclosure counsel for Miami-Dade County.

Jose was appointed a Florida Civil Law Notary (Florida International Notary) by the Department of State which is equivalent to authentic acts of civil law notaries in all jurisdictions outside the geographic borders of the United States.

**Representative Experience**

- Served as bond and disclosure counsel for more than \$2,291,000,000 which has included projects in Miami-Dade County, Florida pertaining to Single Family Mortgages, Capital Asset Acquisitions, Water and Sewer, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Aviation, Transit and Public Housing.

**Related Professional Experience**

- City of West Miami, City Attorney, 1994-2006
- Miami-Dade County, Hearing Officer, 1994-2001

**Published Work and Lectures**

- Consulate of Argentina, Akerman, Enterprise Florida, and The World Affairs Council of Greater Miami Conference, Moderator,

**Areas of Experience**

- Real Estate
- State Legislative and Executive Lobbying
- Government Affairs and Public Policy
- Land Use and Development
- Local Government Advocacy

**Education**

- J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1976
- B.A., Biscayne College of Miami, Public Administration, 1975
- J.D., Universidad de Villanueva, 1959

**Admissions**

**Bars**

Florida

**Courts**

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

**Languages**

Spanish

**Related Content**

Jose Villalobos Honored with Cuban American Bar Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award  
September 18, 2019

Jose Villalobos to Moderate Panel on Outcomes and Opportunities from the 2017 Export Trade Mission in Argentina  
June 23, 2017

Cuban American Bar Association 2014 Installation Gala  
February 01, 2014

“Governor Scott’s Recent Trade Mission to Argentina: Results and Expectations,” June 23, 2017

- Lecturer and writer for international affairs topics

## Affiliations

- Dade County Committee Relations Board, Vice Chair
- Grievance Committee of The Florida Bar of the Eleventh Judicial Court, Vice Chair
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Member
- Vizcaya Trust Executive Committee, Chair
- Second Conference with the Law of Lawyers of America, Member
- Jay Malina International Trade Consortium, Member
- State of Florida, Past Commissioner of Deeds
- Judicial Nomination Committee, Past Chairman and Member
- Cuban American Bar Association, Past President and Member
- University State Senator Lawton Chiles’ Selection Committee for the U.S. Military Academy, Past Chair and Member
- Kendall Regional Hospital, Chair
- Biomedical Research and Innovation Center, Member
- Planning Board Innovation Committee, Member

## Honors and Distinctions

- Cuban American Bar Association, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2019
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Historical Society, Legal Legends Award Recipient, 2015
- Florida Bar Pro-Bono Awards, Runner-Up
- Cuban American Bar Association, Certificate of Merit
- South Florida Business Journal, Recognized as a top government relations attorney in South Florida, 2009