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Ildefonso 'Dito' Mas is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group. Dito has experience litigating a variety of cases, including class actions, commercial disputes, intellectual property disputes, employment discrimination cases, police misconduct cases, and other disputes arising under federal law.

#### Notable Work

# Complex Civil and Government Litigation:

- Represented former CEO and public company in attorney general civil enforcement action and investigation spanning several states and implicating the offices of attorney general of several states.
- Counsel for former president of foreign country in proceedings to secure release from confinement.
- Appointed as Special Assistant State Attorney in Cook County, Illinois, to represent the Cook County State Attorney's Office in proceedings launched by Special Counsel into the Jussie Smollett matter.
- Represented, at trial, private equity fund manager in proceedings against the New York Attorney General.
- Secured preliminary injunction for members of board of directors against corporation and other board members engaging in unauthorized and unlawful acts.
- Part of trial team for large government contractor which received a \$23 Million judgment in favor of client.

## **Internal and Regulatory Investigations:**

- Represented large telecommunications company in FTC regulatory inquiry that was later closed with no action again same company.
- Represented former congressman in FCC regulatory inquiry that was closed with no action.

# Areas of Experience

Litigation

Commercial Disputes

International

White Collar Crime and Government Investigations Staffing Law

## Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2013 B.A., Georgetown University, 2008

# Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

District of Columbia

New York

## Languages

Italian

Spanish

#### **Related Content**

Risk Remains Despite FCPA Enforcement Pause March 12, 2025

Sergio Acosta, Dito Mas Argue Rare Writ of Error Coram Nobis

December 11, 2024

Akerman to Co-Host Webinar on Navigating Foreign Investment in Increasingly Global Sanctions and Criminal Enforcement Regimes November 21, 2024  Represented large publicly-traded company in an inquiry launched by the New York Attorney General.

#### **Criminal Matters:**

- Represented former CFO in case involving accounting, securities, and wire fraud charges, case voluntary dismissed by the Department of Justice.
- Negotiated favorable plea agreement for client charged with federal crimes.
- Assisted health care facility's response to DOJ criminal investigation.
- Assisted large educational institution with response to federal grand jury subpoena.

# Anti-Money Laundering and FCPA Compliance:

- Assisted large company in drafting and implementing FCPA compliance program.
- Assisted large international company in drafting and implementing an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program.

# **Congressional Matters:**

- Represented former U.S. congressman in proceedings before the Office of Congressional Ethics.
- Represented large health care institution in response to a Congressional inquiry launched by both the House Oversight Committee and Senate Finance Committee.

# Related Professional Experience

 Law Clerk to the Honorable Ruben Castillo, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, 2017-2019

# Published Work and Lectures

- Bloomberg Law, Co-Author, "DOJ Expects Companies to Minimize Risk of AI Blunders, Misconduct," October 24, 2024
- Law360, Co-Author, "Ecuador Ruling Marks Significant Step For Arbitral Certainty," June 26, 2024
- International Bar Association, Litigation Committee Newsletter, Co-Author, "Resolution of International Commercial Disputes in Times of War: Considerations for Minimizing Risks," April 4, 2024
- Bloomberg Law, Co-Author, "New M&A Safe Harbor Is a Double-Edged Sword for Buying Companies," December 6, 2023
- Law360, Co-Author, "Slack Decision Adds Urgency For Finalized SPAC Rules," July 7, 2023
- Law360, Co-Author, "High Court Decision Casts Doubt On FTC, SEC Proceedings," May 2, 2023

# **Honors and Distinctions**

- Super Lawyers Magazine, 2023-2024, Listed in Washington, D.C. as a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation
- Benchmark Litigation, 2024, Named to the "40 & Under" List