





## Jorge L. San Miguel

### Capital Member

Chair, Environmental Law, Energy & Land Use

### Practice Areas

**Environmental Law, Energy & Land Use**

Energy

Environmental Law & Litigation

**Government & Legislative Affairs**

### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.,  
1989

Texas Christian University, B.B.A. in  
Finance, 1986

### Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Jorge L. San Miguel is a Capital Member and Chair of the firm's Energy and Environmental Law Practice Group. He is also a member of the Government and Legislative Affairs Practice Group.

Prior to joining Ferraiuoli, Jorge was a partner in another major law firm in San Juan, specializing in environmental law and litigation, energy, land use matters and government/regulatory affairs. He represents businesses in all types of adversarial proceedings involving environmental issues, including administrative enforcement actions before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, and the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, among others. He also counsels clients on regulatory compliance matters including Environmental Impact Statement processes, under applicable federal and local environmental statutes and regulations.

Jorge is actively involved in energy law projects and has successfully represented clients before the P.R. Electric Power Authority negotiating power purchase and operation agreements related to renewable energy projects, including wind, solar and resource recovery facilities. He also represents clients in matters relating to the design, finance, build out and operation of alternative fuel facilities. In 2010, he served as a private sector member representative of the Puerto Rico Wheeling Committee, comprised of representatives from the P.R. Governor's Office, P.R. Electric Power Authority, Department of Economic Development and Commerce, the Energy Affairs Administration and the P.R. Industrial Development Company.

In 2009, Jorge helped lead a team that drafted Puerto Rico's new Permits Process Reform Act Bill, under the stewardship of Puerto Rico's Department of Economic Development and Commerce. The Bill became law on December 1, 2009, bringing significant changes to Puerto Rico's permitting processes.

On the Government/Regulatory affairs front, Jorge chaired and co-chaired the 2008 and 2012 Platform Committees for Governor Luis Fortuño, respectively. In addition, at the national level he served in the 2012 Republican Party Platform Committee under Committee Chairman, Governor Bob McDonnell (VA) and Co-Chairs Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) and Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). He was also a member of that platform's subcommittee on Energy, Agriculture and the Environment. As a member of Ferraiuoli's Government and Legislative Affairs Practice Group, he represents businesses in policymaking, permitting, regulatory, and economic development matters before the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and the Executive and Legislative branches of both the State and Municipal governments.

### Publications

- Co-authored with recognized law professor Luis E. Chiesa Aponte, "The Catastrophe of the Catastrophic Risk Crimes," 75 REV. JUR. U.P.R. 529 (2006).
- "International Comparative Legal Guide to Environment & Climate Change Law 2015 (Puerto Rico)," with Lillian Mateo-Santos, published by Global Legal Group Ltd., London.
- "International Comparative Legal Guide to Oil & Gas Regulation 2015 and 2016 (Puerto Rico)," with Eidalía González-Tosado, published by Global Legal Group Ltd., London.

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### Speaking Engagements

- Puerto Rico Manufacturer's Association
- Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
- AIDIS
- Duke Law: Symposium "Modern Municipal Restructurings: Puerto Rico and Beyond"
- Centro para Renovación Económica, Crecimiento y Excelencia ("*Center for Economic Renovation, Growth and Excellence*") ("CRECE"): Forum at Luis G. Fortuño XXI Century Library: "Economic Freedom: Condition for Growth"

### Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
  - Environmental Committee
  - Energy Committee
- Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
  - Energy and Water Committee
  - Legislative Affairs Committee
  - Environment, Infrastructure and Permits Committee
- Association of Renewable Energy Producers (APER)
- Inter-American Association of Environmental and Sanitary Engineers (AIDIS)
- Advisory Council of the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust, Chair (2015)

### Professional Recognition

- Jorge has been recognized in the 2015 Latin America Edition of Chambers & Partners as a Leading Individual in Environmental Law
- Recognized by Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> International, an organization with a Board of Advisors comprised of leaders from the world's leading law firms and General Counsel of Fortune 500 and Global 500 companies, as a Best Lawyer<sup>®</sup> in Puerto Rico for Corporate and M&A Law (2013-2015)
- Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> Lawyer of the Year Corporate and M&A Law 2014