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Cesar Francia represents artists, businesses, and entrepreneurs in immigration, intellectual property, corporate, and government matters.

With a decade of experience in corporate law, Francia has handled complex commercial litigation matters, internal and government investigations, as well as white-collar, money laundering, and anti-corruption matters. Born in Venezuela, Francia focuses at WSHC+B on filing business and family immigration visa petitions for investor entrepreneurs, specialty occupation professionals, talent, and multi-national executive transferees.

An artist in his own right, Francia counsels entertainers, media professionals, and music executives in intellectual property matters, registration with the U.S. Patent and Trademark office, contractual agreements, and immigration visas based on extraordinary ability.

In the non-profit space, Francia worked as a consulting attorney at UNICEF handling a wide range of investigations and has focused his pro-bono practice on efforts to achieve marriage equality in Latin America, while serving as Board Member of LGBTQ+ rights organization Somos Familia.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Sports, Arts and Entertainment
- Municipal Counsel
- Business Immigration Law

ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in NY, NJ, and DC, not admitted to the Florida Bar

Francia graduated from New York University (NYU) with a bachelor's in international politics and worked as Aide to the Chambers of Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the Supreme Court of the U.S. before attending NYU School of Law.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member, 2020-2022
- International Bar Association, Human Rights Law Committee, Latin American Officer, 2018-2020
- New York Bar Association, Inter-American Affairs Committee, 2016-2017

PRESS MENTIONS

- *April 1, 2025 on the Move*, The Florida Bar, March 18, 2025
- *WSHC+B Strengthens Miami Office With Arrival of New Attorneys*, CityBiz, February 21, 2025
- *#NBCLatino20: Exporter of Equality, Cesar Francia*, NBC News, October 11, 2017

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch, 2027
- World Economic Forum, Global Shaper, 2014-2018
- Morrison Foerster, Pro Bono Star, 2018
- Arent Fox, Pro Bono Award, 2016, 2017
- Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans
- American Bar Association (ABA) Legal Opportunity Scholarship

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2014

New York University, B.A., 2010