



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)1

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 5, 2015

**FROM:** Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

**SUBJECT:** Nominations for Appointment to the  
Miami-Dade Court Capital  
Infrastructure Task Force

Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners' adoption of Resolution R-144-15, provides for the creation of a seven (7) member Task Force for the purpose of reviewing the County trial court infrastructure needs and identifying any needed repairs to existing facilities as well as any current or future infrastructure expansion needs.

The Task Force is to be comprised of experts, as appointed by the Board, in the civil engineering with a focus on infrastructure; community and real estate development; construction; architecture, and capital financing. Further, the Task Force is to be comprised of an expert in court facilities planning and management as appointed by the Chief Judge of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, and an expert in court facilities administration and master planning as appointed by the County Mayor.

Resolution R-144-15 provides that the Board of County Commissioners appoint, from a list of at least two (2) nominations for each expert category, the members of the Miami-Dade Court Capital Infrastructure Task Force. The Clerk of the Board has received only one (1) nomination for each category below, along with attached resumes for your review, consideration and approval if the Board chooses:

- William W. Riley, Jr., Esq. (Community and Real Estate Development)
- George L. Cuesta (Construction)
- Maria Luisa Castellanos, R.A. (Architecture)

Additionally, attached is a ballot from which you are requested to select one (1) person to serve as a member of the Task Force under the remaining categories of civil engineering with a focus on infrastructure and capital financing. The resumes of each nominee are attached for your review.

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Attachments

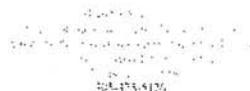
**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT**  
**Miami-Dade County, Florida**

May 5, 2015

<b>MIAMI-DADE COURT CAPTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE</b>	
<b>Vote (✓) for One Civil Engineering with a focus on Infrastructure</b>	
Enrique "Rick" Crooks, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carlos A. Penin, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Vote (✓) for One Capital Financing</b>	
Lourdes Reyes Abadin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph A. DeMaria	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign ballot)

Commission District Number \_\_\_\_\_



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Miami, Florida 33177  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Gray Robinson, P.A.** May 2013 – Present  
Shareholder  
Public Law and Land Use Practice Group  
Miami, Florida

I am a shareholder in Gray Robinson's Miami office and a member of the Public Law and Land Use Practice Group. I have extensive experience in representing clients in the development of real property throughout Florida. My practice focuses on representing developers and construction lenders seeking development approvals during the comprehensive planning, zoning, subdivision and permitting process. In addition, I regularly represents clients in government procurement, code compliance and land use appellate matters.

**Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP** March 2002 – May 2013  
Partner  
Land Use & Government Relations Group  
Miami, Florida

**Fowler White Burnett** 2001 - 2002  
Miami, Florida  
Summer Associate  
Commercial Litigation Group

**Honorable Judge Alan Gold** 2002  
Southern District of Florida  
Legal Intern

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

The Florida Bar  
Florida Bar No: 0560405

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

*Florida Super Lawyers*, Florida Rising Stars 2011, 2013-2014  
*South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Up And Comer 2014

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Florida Levin College of Law** December 2001  
Juris Doctorate

**The George Washington University** December 1998  
Bachelor of Arts, *with honors*

## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Latin American Business Association, Executive Director & Chair of Political Committee
- Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Member
- American Bar Association
- Dade County Bar Association
- Chamber South
- City of Miami Civil Service Board

## **SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS**

- "Real Estate Deals, Zoning and Litigation," Dade County Bar Association's Bench and Bar Conference, Coral Gables, Florida 2014-2015
- Growth Management Legislation: HB 7202 2011  
Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar
- Changes to the Florida Building Code 2011  
Florida Association of Insurance Adjustors
- Chapter 163 Challenges 2011  
Florida Growth Management Course
- A Guide to Code Enforcement Boards 2009  
Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar

**George L. Cuesta**  
1414 NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 401  
Miami, FL 33172  
[george@cuestaconstruction.com](mailto:george@cuestaconstruction.com)

## **Professional and Educational Profile**

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George L. Cuesta is a Principal of Cuesta Construction and serves as Chief Financial Officer overseeing the firm's financial and risk management and administration. Cuesta Construction is an industry leading construction management and general contracting firm offering a full range of construction services to the South Florida market. His career in construction and real estate has given him the opportunity to work within diverse industries including hospitality, multi-family and luxury residential, professional and medical office buildings, retail centers, institutional and transportation, as well as with various agencies in the public sector.

Having received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and International Business from the School of Business Administration at Florida International University (FIU), Mr. Cuesta's career in financial analysis and risk management is rooted in his education. Upon graduating from FIU, he began his career in the banking and finance industry where he received formal training in the areas of corporate credit and financial analysis by one of the nation's largest and most respected banking institutions.

## **Community Involvement**

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### **Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)**

*Immediate Past Chairman and Current Board Member of ABC's Florida East Coast Chapter  
Board Member of ABC's Nation Board of Directors*

ABC is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly 21,000 chapter members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 70 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically, profitably and for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. ABC's membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors.

### **St. Thomas University**

*Member of the President's Board of Advisors  
Member of the School of Business Advisory Council*

Dedicated to the mission of "Developing Leaders for Life," St. Thomas University looks to instill the academic, professional and social skills necessary for each of its students to become exemplary leaders in their chosen field and in their community as a whole.

### **Coral Gables Museum**

*Founding Member of the Board of Trustees (2008-2012)*

The Coral Gables Museum celebrates the civic arts of architecture, urban and environmental design through education, scholarship, and exhibitions. By fostering appreciation for the history, vision, and cultural landscape of Coral Gables, the Museum values and promotes beauty, planning, and historic and environmental preservation.

**MARIA LUISA CASTELLANOS, R.A.**

**UNITED ARCHITECTS, INC., PRESIDENT**

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**EXPERIENCE SUMMARY**

Ms. Castellanos has over 30 years experience in Project Management, Design, Construction, Estimating, Scheduling, and Planning of Schools, Industrial plants, Apartment buildings, Retail stores, Affordable Elderly Housing, Office Buildings, and Single-family Residences. She is also an adjunct professor of architecture and interior design at Miami Dade College.

**REGISTRATIONS**

Registered Architect, State of Florida, 1978 (AR 0007706)

Certified General Contractor, State of Florida, 1979 (CGC 014702- Inactive)

LEED AP (passed exam June 2009)

**EDUCATION**

Master of Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., 1976

Bachelor of Science, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., 1974

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Maria Luisa Castellanos, R.A., has served as chief designer and project manager on a wide variety of projects, commercial, institutional, educational, and residential. A representative sample of the various categories of work follows:

**Educational**

- Ms. Castellanos is currently the principal-in-charge and project manager for four remodelings to Riverside Elementary, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, Kensington Elementary, and Sylvania Heights Elementary for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Ms. Castellanos was the principal-in-charge, project designer, and project manager for the Ophelia Brown Lawson Head Start Center, (formerly Opa Locka Head Start ) a \$3.5 million facility for the Community Action Agency and the General Services Administration of Miami-Dade County, partially funded by the Federal government. It was completed in August 2009.
- Ms. Castellanos acted as principal-in-charge/chief architectural designer and project manager for the Additions and Remodelings to Fisher-Fienberg Elementary School (\$2.8 million); Horace Mann Middle School (\$1.9 million); and Dunbar Elementary (\$2.2 million) for Dade County Public Schools. These three projects included several complex facilities including an addition and complete interior remodeling to a 1920 cafeteria which had no as-builts; a complete interior remodeling to an auditorium; an addition and remodeling to a building to convert it into a library, again with no as-builts; two completely new building additions which house 6-classrooms each, ancillary facilities, and group and individual toilets; a 2-story classroom building remodeling which included several classrooms, up grading of toilet facilities to meet ADA, a computer lab, and handicap children training facilities. Ms. Castellanos was responsible for all phases of the work from schematic design through the services during construction to the final certificate of occupancy issued by DCPS and DOE.

- Ms. Castellanos served as designer and project manager for a series of schools for the Dade County School Board. These schools, Winston Park, Campbell Drive, Joe Hall, and Charles Hadley Elementary Schools, were each designed for 750 students at a cost of \$6,000,000 each. In addition, Ms. Castellanos worked on the design and production team for the F.I.U. Academic One Administration Center at the Bay Vista Campus. This building won an award for the outstanding concrete structure in Florida for 1980.

### **Affordable Housing**

- Ms. Castellanos produced the contract documents for the reconstruction of two burned affordable housing units at Venetian Gardens, a Miami-Dade County-owned rental public housing development for the Miami-Dade Housing Agency. The entire interior of the two units, the first, a single-story, 3-bedroom units and the second, a two-story, 4-bedroom units had to be completely reconstructed due to the extent of the fire damage.
- Ms. Castellanos was the architect-of-record for the demolition of the 47 houses and all of the underground utilities for the Lincoln Gardens site for Miami-Dade County GSA.
- Ms. Castellanos was the consulting architect/project manager on two affordable, multi-family housing HUD-funded projects, B'nai B'rith Elderly Apartments in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and the St. Joseph's Garden Courts in Orlando, Florida. B'nai B'rith is a 4-story, 65,200 SF building with 88 apartment units. St. Joseph's Garden Courts is a 3-story, 66,000 SF building with 80 units. Ms. Castellanos was responsible for the design development and construction documents as well as the services during construction. The buildings are completed.
- Ms. Castellanos was the consulting architect /project manager on an affordable, multi-family housing HUD funded project, St. Monica Housing. The building is 4 stories with 84 apartment units in Miami Gardens. Ms. Castellanos was responsible for the design development and construction documents. The building is completed.
- Ms. Castellanos was the consulting architect/project manager for the design development and construction documents for The Reserve at Eden Gardens outside of Naples, Florida. The project consists of several multi-family building and several single-family houses and an amenity center for the residents.
- Ms. Castellanos designed a preliminary for an affordable housing development with Jubilee CDC, a local community development corporation. The intent of the project was to facilitate the return of single-parents to college by having an onsite daycare facility and the project being located near Miami-Dade Community College North Campus and St. Thomas University. Miami-Dade County's Office of Community and Economic Development owned the site and would have given the land to the joint-venture had the adjacent neighborhood approved the idea of the affordable housing development. Unfortunately, the project was rejected by the neighborhood due to NIMBYism (Not-in-My-Back-Yard mindset).
- Ms. Castellanos designed a preliminary plan for the Aliapattah Business Development Authority for a 40-unit apartment building and adjacent daycare facility, for single-parents who wish to complete their education at Miami-Dade's Medical Campus or attend Lindsey-Hopkins. This project was not funded.

### **Commercial**

- Ms. Castellanos designed and produced the construction documents for the remodeling to

Sunset West Shopping Center on Sunset Drive and 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami. The entire façade and walkway roofing was removed and a new design implemented. Ms. Castellanos produced all the construction documents, coordinated with the engineers, and provides services during the construction.

- Ms. Castellanos designed the ADA modifications to the parking lot at Johnson Square in Hollywood, Florida, to bring the parking lot up to ADA standards with the parking, signage, and ramps.
- Among her commercial projects is a \$1,000,000 facility for MacArthur Dairy in West Palm Beach; a \$600,000 Dollar Rent-a-Car facility at the Ft-Lauderdale/ Hollywood Airport; offices and warehouses for ARA Construction, Miami; and warehouses for Luis Espino.
- She has designed three stores at major shopping centers, Declic Clothing and Franca's Choice at Bayside Marketplace and Sparkle Plenty at Dadeland Shopping Center. In addition, she worked on the design and construction documents to the original Dominique Boutique on Ponce de Leon in Coral Gables.
- Ms. Castellanos designed an addition and remodeling to 3618 W. Flagler Street for D.U.I Countermeasures of Dade County. The following year she executed the interior and exterior renovations to 3631 W. Flagler Street for the same client.
- Ms. Castellanos was consulting architect on a 7-building office park which also had two multi-story parking garages. The buildings are two-stories to 6-stories in height. Ms. Castellanos was responsible for the design development phase of the re-zoning study which was submitted to Miami-Dade County for approval. This comprehensive proposal was never built.

### **Institutional**

- Ms. Castellanos with her consulting engineers was responsible for 40-year certifications on 20 leased buildings at Landmark Center owned by the GSA of Miami-Dade County.
- Ms. Castellanos was responsible for the programming and the design for a three-story, 180-room Medical Center for the King Faisal Research Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This facility was designed with two wings for its ambulatory patients with features to resemble a hotel. For its non-ambulatory patients, there is one wing in which the accommodations are similar to that of a hospital.
- In addition, Ms. Castellanos was on the design and production team for the South Dade Waste Reduction Facility for Dade County GSA and the 20th Street Transfer Station for the City of Miami. This last project received a design award from the American Institute of Architects.

### **Residential**

- Ms. Castellanos designed and produced the construction documents for a \$1,000,000 addition to a house on Hibiscus Island. The project maximized the allowable square footage and completely modernized the house.
- Ms. Castellanos has designed and produced the construction documents for several condo remodelings, in Miami Beach, City of Miami, and Coral Gables.

- Ms. Castellanos is the architect-of-record of a 2-story addition to 7 Star Island Drive, Star Island, Miami Beach. The construction is almost complete and is approximately \$300,000 in construction cost.
- Ms. Castellanos completely reconfigured a condominium in the New French Village in Coral Gables then executed the construction documents and provided services during construction. This condominium went from a 2-Bedroom, 1-1/2 bath to a 3-bedroom, 3-bath unit. The construction is almost complete and is valued at \$325,000.
- Ms. Castellanos completely reconfigured a condominium in the Octagon Building in Miami Beach. This residence went from a 2-bedroom, 2-bath to a 3-bedroom 1-1/2 bath with the kitchen in the center of the apartment. The value of the project is approximately \$150,000.
- Ms. Castellanos designed the Additions and Remodelings to the Collazo Residence just north of The Falls Shopping Center in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The additions doubled the existing square footage of the present house to approximately 5,000 square feet. The cost of the project was over \$300,000 (2001). The design of the additions transformed the existing box-like house into a beautiful Caribbean-style residence with front and rear porches, using round wood-columns on stucco pedestals; add a master bedroom suite, a new garage, and a guest wing.

***This project appeared on "Before and After", a production of HGTV.***

- The Katz-Bijl Residence Additions and Remodeling consists of gutting the entire interior of the house, relocating the kitchen from one side to the other, completely re-working the floor plan and adding a room to the front and one, to the rear, and two bathrooms. The project cost was over \$350,000 (2000). Featured as Episode 1203 on *Before and After* on [www.HGTV.com](http://www.HGTV.com) as "Back from the Brink".

***This project appeared on "Before and After", a production of HGTV.***

- Ms. Castellanos acted as a design consultant on the Evelyn Condominium Remodeling and Addition on Euclid and 16<sup>th</sup> Street on Miami Beach. This project entailed the complete interior gutting, redistribution of spaces, and the addition of one exterior stairs, one interior stairs, and an entire new third floor. Unfortunately, this project was never built.
- Ms. Castellanos completed the design and construction documents for a 3,300 S.F. house in Calusa in Kendall. The construction budget was \$325,000 in 2000. The design includes 9'-5" ceilings in most of the public spaces, 12'-0" high ceilings in the foyer and the living room. Ms. Castellanos was involved in the design of the floor patterns, finished trim work, and the specialty cabinetry throughout the house.
- Ms. Castellanos completed the design, construction documents, and the interior design for a complete gut, reconfigure floor plan, and re-finish entire +/-5,000 S.F. house on Granada Blvd., in Coral Gables, Florida. It is approximately \$170,000 in construction. It sold for \$1 million in 2000.
- Ms. Castellanos designed and supervised the construction documents for a 4,400 S.F. residence at 2899 Coacoochee Street in Coconut Grove for the Eagleton-Kathe Property Company. The selling price for this house was \$520,000 in 1996.

- Ms. Castellanos developed the design and construction documents for a four-unit high-end, 3-story townhouse project in Coconut Grove with an interesting design, which included units in which two stairs wrapped around each other (with ½ floor underground) and terraces to the front of the units overlooking the park across the street. The construction budget was approximately \$800,000 (1998) for the development.
- The Jaffe Residence Project in Pinecrest consisted of remodeling the front facade; adding roof trusses to the existing low pitched joist system, in order to organize the roof system and to increase the pitch to look better; adding a free-standing covered terrace and trellis area to two sides of the existing pool in the rear yard; a complete interior remodeling and rearrangement to the north wing of the house to convert it into a master bedroom suite and another bedroom and bath. The remodeling to this house was approximately \$350,000 (1999).
- Ms. Castellanos completed the design and construction documents for a 2,500 S.F. residence that was flooded during Hurricane Andrew and needed to be raised to the Federal Flood Criteria. The project entailed adding a new second floor to the original house large than the original footprint and modifying the elevations in order to modernize the facade of the residence. The cost of this remodeling and addition totaled over \$180,000 (1993).
- Tropical Homes, another project designed by Ms. Castellanos, is a 28-home project in Southwest Dade County. The homes consisted of three different models of approximately 2,400 square-feet each.
- Ms. Castellanos developed a preliminary design for the Kredis Hospital Housing Project in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. This complex included eight four-story buildings for single personnel and staff with families. The apartments ranged in size from studio units to 3-bedroom apartments.
- In addition, Ms. Castellanos has designed numerous custom homes both here and in Saudi Arabia. These homes are in Key Biscayne, Coral Gables, South Miami, Miami Shores in Miami-Dade County and in Riyadh and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

### **Industrial**

- Ms. Castellanos designed and produced the construction documents for the façade remodeling and site modifications for two warehouses in the City of Miramar funded by CBDG grants from the Federal Government, the Liguori Warehouse, the Ascot Trust Warehouse, and the Goldman Warehouse.
- In addition, Ms. Castellanos was on the design and production team for the South Dade Waste Reduction Facility for Dade County General Services Administration and the 20th Street Transfer Station for the City of Miami. This last project received a design award from the American Institute of Architects.

### **Construction Administration**

- In addition to her practice as an architect, Ms. Castellanos practiced as a general contractor, under the name of Alligator Construction Corporation, from 1984 to 1990. She brings her construction experience in estimating and construction management to the firm. Ms. Castellanos holds a Florida Certified General Contractor License (Inactive status)

## PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION PROGRAMS

"How you can avoid fraudulent contractors and how an architect can help you in the construction process",  
Topical Currents, WLRN, June 4, 2008.  
World News with Diane Sawyer, *Made in America*, 2012  
Residential Project featured on HGTV "Before and After", Episode 1203 – Back from the Brink, 2004.  
"Expert Author" on [www.EzineArticles.com](http://www.EzineArticles.com) . Several articles on residential and green construction.  
"Understanding the Coral Gables Residential Building Process", *Coral Gables Gazette*, Nov. 12, 1997  
"Has protecting the public welfare gone too far?", *Construction Issues Forum* , April 1997.  
"Hurricane Andrew, An Architect's Perspective", *Costs and Trends*, Mid-Year Edition, 1993.  
"Hablando EN VIVO con Alex Fiuza", Radio Paz (830 AM), October 27, 2000.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Board of Directors, Miami Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and Forum Chair, 2015.  
Coral Gables Congregational Church, Economic Justice Committee – 2012 to present  
Served as a "Community Partner" on CAHSA Task Force Subcommittee, "Rental, Homeownership, and Rehabilitation", 2006.  
Honored on March 28, 2003 by Georgia Tech at its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Admitting Women to George Tech  
Board of Directors, Downtown Bay Forum, 2004 – 2014.  
Member, Florida Housing Coalition; attended Affordable Housing Conference, Sept. 23-24, 2003  
Member, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, May 2001 to May 2003.  
National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), Networking Chairperson 2003-2004. A  
Member, Minority Business Advisory Committee, Dade County School Board, 1985 - 1990.  
Founding Member, Founding and Current Board of Directors, Assoc. of Women Architects and Engineers (A.W.A.E.)  
Code Enforcement Hearing Officer, Dept. of Code Enforcement, Miami-Dade County, 2000 to 2001.  
Member, Coalition for Rational Construction Regulation (CR2), 1997-1998  
Guest, Governor Chiles' Public Forum, April 18, 1995.  
Visiting Lecturer, Georgia Institute of Technology, May 1994.  
Finalist, NAWBO Recognition '95 Awards.  
Member, Minority Business Advisory Committee, Dade County School Board, 1985-1990.  
Vice-President, Board of Directors, New Women Entrepreneur Center, 1995 - 1996.  
Participant, Women's Summit of the Americas, November 1994.  
Commissioner, Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, 1992-1993.  
Member, Metro-Dade Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board, 1992-1993.  
Member, Dade County Community Relations Task Force, 1990.

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

President and owner, United Architects, Inc.	1986 - present
President and co-owner, construction qualifier, Alligator Construction Corp.	1984 -1990
Architect, office manager, Group "M" Ltd.	1985 - 1986
Project Architect, Assistant Designer, Lemuel Ramos and Associates, Inc.	1984 - 1985
Project Architect, Charles Harrison Pawley, Architect	1983 - 1984
Project Architect, Urban Architects, Inc.	1978 - 1982
Architect intern, Greenleaf-Telesca, Planners, Engineers & Architects	1977 - 1978
Architect intern, Saez-Pacetti, Architects and Planners	1976 – 1977



Mr. Crooks is an accomplished engineer with more than 29 years of experience. He has provided services on numerous civil engineering projects for local and state governments as well as the private sector. Mr. Crooks is the founder and president of EAC Consulting, Inc. (EAC), and has successfully managed EAC's growth since its establishment in 1994 from just one employee to 70+ employees. EAC is a recognized and respected engineering firm that has performed services for toll authorities, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and the FDOT.

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**U.S. Federal Courthouse - Civil Engineering – Federal GSA**

Senior Project Manager for the Hydrologic Study and drainage design and permitting services required for the proposed \$120 million Miami Federal Courthouse.

**New Children's Courthouse – Miami-Dade County GSA**

Principal-in-charge for the New Children's Courthouse, a 14-story, 378,000 sf facility located in Downtown Miami.

**City of Hialeah Courthouse – City of Hialeah**

Principal-in-charge responsible for the provision of civil engineering services for the City of Hialeah's Federal Courthouse.

**General Engineering Consultant – Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)**

Mr. Crooks has served as the program director for MDX's General Engineering Contract since 2004. EAC is overseeing the construction program of MDX's \$500+million, 5-year work program.

**Meridian Avenue over Collins Canal - FDOT D6  
(FICE 2002 Engineering Excellence Award)**

Project Manager for the bridge replacement design services for the Meridian Avenue Bridge over Collins Canal. The project required coordination with the adjacent Holocaust Memorial to incorporate aesthetic treatments.

**US-1 - Big Pine Key - Key Deer Improvements - FDOT D6  
(2003 FTBA Best in Construction Award and 2003 AASHTO Environmental Stewardship Award)**

Project Manager for the roadway and bridge design services required for the provision of under-roadway crossings for the endangered Key Deer which inhabit Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys.

**SR 518 from SR 5(US1) to Pineapple Ave including SR 5 intersection Improvements - FDOT D5**

Project Manager responsible for the work required to extend the life of the existing facility while enhancing its safety.

**NW 97 Avenue over SR 836 - Miami-Dade County**

Project Principal overseeing the bridge design services, structural design services (retaining walls) as well as the signalization and lighting for the project. The project entailed the design of an 1168 ft. long bridge over SR 836.

**Miami-Dade MPO Congested Intersections Project – Miami Dade County**

Project Manager responsible for the assessment adverse roadway conditions impeding the effective traffic flow and safety of roadway users for several locations within Miami-Dade County.

**SR 836/I-395 Interim from NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to MacArthur Causeway - Miami-Dade County**

Project Principal responsible for overseeing the construction engineering inspection and contract administration of this project involving roadway and minor bridge upgrades on SR-836 and I-395.

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 29**

**Education**

- 1991 MBA - Florida International University
- 1985 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering- University of Florida

**Licenses**

- Professional Engineer: Florida - 42528

**Awards**

- FICE/FDOT Outstanding Project Award – Special Projects (2013)
- Consulting Engineer of the Year (2003) - AIA Miami Chapter
- Engineer of the Year (2003) - Florida Engineering Society

# Carlos A. Penin, PE

President

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## Education

M.S in Environmental and Urban Systems, Florida International University, 1982

B.S. in Civil Engineering with Specialization in Construction Management, University of Florida, 1977

## Licenses/ Registrations

Professional Engineer:  
Florida, 33216  
General Contractor: Florida,  
CGC016822  
Certificate of Continued  
Professional  
Development: Florida,  
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Mr. Penin has 30 years of experience in a wide variety of projects including highways, bridges, airport terminals and airfields, water and sewer infrastructure; stadiums, various land development projects, environmental services as well as inspection in a variety of projects.

Mr. Penin's representative project experience includes:

### **President, Coral Gables, FL (C.A.P. Government, Inc.).**

President and founding principal of CAP. Mr. Penin serves in an administrative capacity overseeing the daily operations of the firm. His responsibilities include marketing and business development activities, contract oversight, and staff management.

### **Regional Manager/Resident Engineer, Miami, Florida (Keith and Schnars, P.A.).**

Responsible for management, scheduling, monitoring and liaison with regulatory agencies and local authorities on major land development projects. Projects include Dolphin Center, the Dolphin Stadium, Trail Plaza Shopping Center and Flagler Park Plaza.

Responsible for project management duties on the following government projects: West Flagler St. (S.R. 826 – S.W. 87 Ave.), S.W. 137<sup>th</sup> Ave. (S.W. 40<sup>th</sup> St. – S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> St.), N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Study (Biscayne Blvd – N.W. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Dade County Public Works and Aviation Departments. Responsible for the Engineering and Inspection of S.W. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets (Brickell Ave. – S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.), District VI office parking lot, N.W. 103<sup>rd</sup> St. (S.R. 826 – N.W. 57<sup>th</sup> Ave.), and the widening of the Julia Tuttle Causeway from Miami Beach to Miami.

### **Project Engineer/Project Manager, Miami, Florida (Williams, Hatfield and Stoner, Inc.).**

Responsible for project administration on Urban Road Developments and other assignments in South Florida. Also directed marketing activities in Latin America. Served as Project Manager on a number of "Landslide" projects for the Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood international Airport. Supervision of Plans and Specifications for a portion of Holmberg Road in Plantation. Responsible for three residential developments totaling 600+ acres. Involved in the design of water, wastewater, drainage and paving systems, the preparation of construction specification and storm drainage calculations required for a South Florida Water Management District permit, and the supervision of construction drawings preparation.

**Civil Engineer, Miami, Florida (Ferendino/Grafton/Spillis/Candela).** Responsible for civil engineering design and construction inspection of government and private projects.

**Civil Engineer, Miami, Florida (Florida Quality Contractors, Inc.).** Responsible for managing the preliminary stages of a 72-unit condominium development in Dunedin, Florida and various other residential development projects in South Florida.

# LOURDES REYES ABADIN

Executive Vice President

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**Lourdes Reyes Abadin, Executive Vice President at Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.** has been involved with Florida public finance for the past 25 years having initially served on the public sector where she eventually rose to the positions of Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to the Miami Sports & Exhibition Authority (MSEA), an autonomous agency of the City of Miami. During her tenure at MSEA the agency was responsible for the financing of the Miami Arena, and the financial analysis related to the NBA, MLB and NHL Miami expansion teams. She specialized in investment banking when she joined a Wall Street Firm in 1993. In the midst of her investment banking career she was asked to serve as the Comptroller to the City of Miami to assist with a financial crisis that led the Florida Governor to appoint a Financial Oversight Board.

Thereafter, she returned to the investment banking industry again specializing in Public Finance. Her work has included developing financial structures, credit enhancement, and development of bond rating presentations, preparation of official documents, and the pre-marketing of bonds.

Over the years, Ms. Abadin has gained much recognition for her in-depth knowledge and vast experience in Florida public finance and she is also credited for her experience in other diverse sectors. Prior to being involved with municipal finance, she worked for Florida Power & Light and was involved in the Quality Improvement Program that earned FPL the *Deming Award of Excellence*.

Ms. Abadin currently leads Estrada Hinojosa's efforts in providing financial services to governmental entities in the state of Florida. She has managed Estrada Hinojosa & Co.'s Florida office since 2003.

Ms. Abadin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Florida International University, and has taken MBA studies at Nova Southeastern University. She is a certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO), and is a FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 Registered Representative. She also currently serves on the Board of Banyan Health Systems. She is fluent in English and Spanish.

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Certified by the Florida Bar as Business Litigation Specialist, Joseph is an aggressive courtroom advocate on behalf of his clients who has managed some of South Florida's most high-profile complex business litigation and financial criminal defense cases during his career, which have drawn national media attention.

### Representative Matters

- **Business Litigation and White-Collar Criminal Defense Matters**
  - > Defeated federal RICO claim based on alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; *Reich v. Lopez*, \_\_ F.Supp.2d \_\_, 2014 WL 4067179 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 18, 2014)(Order dismissing RICO claims with prejudice)
  - > Defeated a \$200 million accounting malpractice claim; *Mirabilis Ventures, Inc. v. Rachlin Cohen & Holtz, LLP*, Case No. 6:09-CU-271-ORD-31 DAB. See 2011 WL 3236027 (M.D.FL. July 28, 2011) (Order granting motion to exclude damages claim); 2011 WL 2784105 (M.D. FL. July 14, 2011) (Order granting motion to exclude accounting expert)
  - > Defeated a \$120 million civil RICO case against a private bank; *Adams v. Rothstein*, 2012 WL 1605098 (S.D. FL. May 8, 2012) (dismissing RICO claims)
  - > Represented an international banker in a successful due process, name-clearing proceeding; *Masvidal v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 716 F. Supp. 2d 1207 (S.D. Fla. 2010)
  - > Defended a court-appointed receiver in a federal criminal prosecution arising out of a multimillion-dollar embezzlement from fiduciary accounts; *United States v. Lewis B. Freeman*, Case No. 10-CR-20095-HUCK (S.D. FL.)
  - > Represented Penske Racing, Inc. in Helio Castroneves' Miami federal criminal tax grand jury investigation and trial in the Southern District of Florida

### Practice Areas

Litigation  
 Construction  
 International  
 Attorneys and Law Firms  
 Securities Industry  
 Financial Services Industry  
 White Collar Compliance and Defense  
 Intellectual Property

### Bar Admissions

Florida  
 New York

### Education

J.D., *cum laude*, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, 1982  
 B.A., *magna cum laude*, St. Bonaventure University, 1979

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida  
 U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida  
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
 U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York  
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

### Memberships

Board of Trustees, St. Bonaventure University



- **Construction Litigation Matters**

- > Defended a developer from \$40 million Chapter 718, civil RICO and breach of fiduciary duty claims by hotel condominium unit owners; *David Newhall v. Urbana Pelican Grand, LLC*, Case No. 09-025227, Broward County, Florida Circuit Court
- > Represented the Miami-Dade public schools in 35 multimillion-dollar construction claims. Secured victories at trials and appeals. See *Jessla Construction Corp. v. Miami-Dade County School Board*, 23 So.3d 1247 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009), *rev. dismissed*, 385 So.2d 770 (Fla. 2010) (affirming trial defense verdict in multimillion-dollar construction dispute) and 48 So. 2d 127, (Fla. 3d DCA 2010) *rev. dismissed*, 2011 WL 2568959 (Fla. June 27, 2011) (affirming \$515,000 attorney's fees award against the plaintiff)
- > Represented the South Florida Water Management District in the negotiation of a \$330 million GMP contract for construction of a reservoir for Everglades restoration
- > Represented a Miami developer in Chapter 558, Florida Statute negotiations with a condominium association over corrective work issues; *Skyline on Brickell Condo Assoc. v. Skyline on Brickell Managmt, LLC*, Case No. 07-13782 (Miami-Dade County, Florida Circuit Court)
- > Represented a Fort Lauderdale developer in securing a \$3 million payment from a surety in construction delay litigation

- **Matters Handled While a Federal Prosecutor**

- > Prosecuted the president of the largest health maintenance organization (HMO) in the United States and the president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union for labor racketeering, obstruction of justice, bribery of a grand jury witness and illegal wiretapping; *United States v. Miguel G. Recarey*, Case No. 88-5186-CA-NESBITT (S.D. FL.)
- > Prosecuted a prominent Florida real estate developer for bribery, labor racketeering, perjury and tax evasion; *United States v. Leonard J. Mercer*, (S.D. FL.)
- > Prosecuted 49 organized crime members and associates for participation in a multinational RICO conspiracy; *United States v. Link*, 921 F.2d 1527 (11th Cir. 1991) (affirming convictions)
- > Prosecuted a former New Jersey state legislator for perjury and obstruction of justice arising out of receipt of kickbacks from a labor union; see *United States v. Zauber*, 857 F.3d 137 (3rd Cir. 1988) (discussing public corruption scheme)

- **Other Significant Reported Decisions**

- > *In Re Mouttet*, 493 B.R. 640 (Bankr. S.D. FL. 2013) (Amended Order dismissing a \$70 million RICO claim related to Jamaican lottery)
- > *Sinapsis Trading USA, LLC v. Secure Wrap of Miami, Inc.*, 2013 WL 1455824 (S.D. FL. Apr. 9, 2013) (Order dismissing RICO claim related to a Miami International Airport contract)
- > *In Re Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler, P.A.*, 2011 WL 6067494 (Bkr. S.D. FL. June 7, 2011) (Order compelling production of a convicted co-conspirator's proffer, overruling Fifth Amendment and attorney work product objections), 2011 WL 6098152 (Bkr. S.D. FL. Sept. 16, 2011) (Order reaffirming production of proffer and setting forth procedures to produce information), 2011 WL



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**In the News**

- Quoted, "Lawsuits Block Cuba's Path to Normalization," *The Tampa Tribune* (January 24, 2015)
- Quoted, "A Longer Leash To Charge Rothstein Co-Conspirators," *Daily Business Review* (November 12, 2014)
- Featured, "Joseph DeMaria Speaks with Globovision," *Globovision* (August 22, 2014)
- Featured, "Four Florida-Based Fox Attorneys Named to 2015 "Best Lawyers in America" Guide," (August 20, 2014)
- Featured, "Execs Duck RICO Claims Over \$1B Venezuelan Energy Deals," *Law360* (August 20, 2014)
- Featured, "Ex-Ambassador's Chavez-Tied RICO Claims Fail," *Courthouse News Service* (August 19, 2014)
- Featured, "63 Fox Attorneys Named to 2015 "Best Lawyers in America" Guide," (August 18, 2014)
- Quoted, "Not a Good Track Record, Pizzi Case Latest Instance where Prosecutors Failed," *Daily Business Review* (August 18, 2014)
- Quoted, "It's Getting Ugly Now in One Bal Harbour. Partner Wants \$17.5 Million for Fraud," *Daily Business Review* (July 22, 2014)
- Quoted, "Miami Condotel Ex-Owner Sues Partner Over \$17M Loan," *Law360* (July 18, 2014)
- Quoted, "Will There Be a Next Generation of Trial Lawyers?" *Daily Business Review* (July 3, 2014)
- Quoted, "Rogue Federal Prosecutors Hide Behind a Lack of Transparency," *The Daily Business Review* (June 9, 2014)
- Featured, "On the Move," *The Florida Bar News* (May 15, 2014)
- Quoted, "Joseph DeMaria Weighs in on Precedent-Setting Case Involving Plea Discussions," *Daily Business Review* (April 23, 2014)
- Featured, "Joseph A. DeMaria Named Partner at Fox Rothschild," *Miami Herald* (April 21, 2014)
- Featured, "The Churn: Lateral Moves," *The Am Law Daily* (April 18, 2014)
- Featured, "People on the Move," *South Florida Business Journal* (April 16, 2014)
- Featured, "Fox Expands Miami Presence With Duo Including Prominent South Florida Litigator Joseph A. DeMaria," (April 14, 2014)
- Featured, "Two Tew Cardenas Attorneys Move to Fox Rothschild," *Daily Business Review* (April 14, 2014)
- Featured, "Joseph DeMaria Joins Fox Rothschild," *Sun Sentinel* (April 14, 2014)
- Featured, "Fox Rothschild Adds Ex-Tew Cardenas Atty in Miami," *Law360* (April 14, 2014)

**Publications**

- Author, "Chief Justice Marshall Would Have Known How To Handle Miami Lakes Case," *Miami Herald* (September 3, 2014)
- Selected Author, "Strategic and Tactical Considerations for Defending a White Collar Criminal Investigation," *White-Collar Defense Strategies, Inside the Minds* (Aspatore Press) (2007)