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Education

B.B.A., *Cum Laude*, University of Puerto Rico
Major: Accounting L.L.M., With Distinction, Georgetown University Law Center
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Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Certified Legal Specialty

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Memberships

Puerto Rico Bar Association
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Mr. Méndez concentrates his practice in general corporate, real estate, public financing and banking, government affairs and taxes. He has broad networking in the Puerto Rico business community as well as all three branches of government.

Prior to re-joining McConnell Valdés, Mr. Méndez was Secretary of the Treasury of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. As Secretary of the Treasury, he was responsible for developing and implementing the fiscal, tax and financial policies of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, including the implementation of the Sales and Use Tax provisions enacted as part of the Puerto Rico Tax Code overhaul of 2006. He was also responsible for the issuance of the Commonwealth's General Obligation Bonds ("GO's"), Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes ("TRANS"), and Designated Sales Tax Fund Bonds, which included extensive work with dealers and underwriters. As Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Méndez provided constant updates regarding the economic, fiscal and budgetary condition of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to bond rating agencies, investors and financial analysts.

Mr. Méndez has served as Member of several Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, the following: Government Development Bank; Infrastructure Financing Authority ("AFI")(President of the Board); Tourism Development Fund ("TDF"); Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company ("PRIDCO"); President of the Puerto Rico Financial Board; Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico (President of the Board); Teachers' Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico (President of the Board); Puerto Rico Film Commission; Health Services Administration (known by its Spanish acronym as "ASES"); and President of

Employees Charitable Contribution Fund ("Campaña Benéfica" managed by United Ways).

He is one of the few attorneys in Puerto Rico with an article published in the prestigious Journal of International Taxation.

In addition, Mr. Méndez has been guest speaker in numerous activities sponsored by different organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Food and Beverage Industry Association ("MIDA"), Society of Certified Public Accountants, Alliance for Tax, Legal, and Accounting Seminars ("ATLAS"), and Associations of Financial Analysts, such as the National Federation of Municipal Analysts ("NFMA") and the Municipal Analysts Group of New York ("MAGNY").