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J. Daniel Velez

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Daniel Velez counsels and defends high-profile retail and food industry corporations, insurance companies, and landowners in a wide variety of litigation, including slip/trip and fall accidents, construction accidents, assaults, and motor vehicle accidents. He is vice chair of the firm's Retail and Hospitality group. Danny represents numerous *Fortune* 500 clients, handling all aspects of each matter from inception through completion, including conducting and managing depositions, mediations, arbitrations, and trials, and formulating winning defense strategies.

Danny's prior experience includes representing various clients in criminal matters, including building, fire, and environmental code violations. He draws on experience from inside the insurance industry; before entering private practice, he held a graduate internship with a firm serving as in-house counsel for one of the nation's largest automobile insurers, drafting summary judgment motions and deposition reports and assisting with various research projects. He also gained valuable behind-the-bench insight into judicial decision-making and oral advocacy through his experience as a judicial intern and mentee to the Honorable Sallie Manzanet-Daniels in the New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County.

Danny is also a member of Goldberg Segalla's **Diversity Task Force**, which strives to conceptualize and implement diversity-focused programs and give diversity a voice in our decision-making at the highest level. The individuals on this task force share the firm's strong commitment to increasing diversity, and they use their unique experiences and backgrounds to support and advance that goal.

PRACTICES

Retail and Hospitality

Civil Litigation and Trial

Construction Litigation and
Counsel

INDUSTRIES

Retail and Hospitality

Construction

HONORS & AWARDS

- New York Metro *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, 2015–20

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Connecticut, 2010

EDUCATION

- Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 2009
 - Latino/a Law Student Association: President
 - Dean's Minority Affairs/Strategic Planning Committee
- New York University, B.A., 2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Hispanic National Bar Association
- Latino/a Lawyers Association of Queens County

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- New York State Bar Association
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Freeport School District Career Day
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LANGUAGES

- Spanish

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

WEBINARS

- “Full Disclosure: A Primer on New York’s Comprehensive Insurance Disclosure Act,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 9, 2022