

## **ROBERTO VILLASANTE, ESQ.**

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### **Experience**

- 1985-Present **Trial and Commercial International Disputes Practitioner**  
Law offices of Roberto Villasante  
**Adjunct Faculty**, *Florida International University, College of  
Advanced Professional Studies, Legal Studies Institute*
- 2000-2001 **Trial Lawyer**, *Robles Law Center, Miami Fl*
- 1985-2000 **Trial Lawyer**, *Law Offices of Roberto Villasante, Miami, Fla. (Av Rated)*
- 1983-1985 **Trial Lawyer**, *Avera, Bernstein & Perry, Gainesville, Fl*

### **Practice Areas**

- Civil Trial of Complex Commercial International Business matters, including aviation, telecommunications and banking.
- Fraud Civil "RICO"
- Pharmaceutical Litigation
  - Drugs and Medical Devices
  - Vaccine Induced Injuries
- Medical Malpractice
- Products Liability
- Fraud Civil RICO

### **Precedent Setting**

#### **Representative Cases**

#### **Commercial**

#### **International**

#### **Complex Litigation**

- Sokana Industries, Inc. v. Den Norske Bank (High Court London, England), pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court establishes that origination summons outside the jurisdiction of an arbitration, subject to Florida Law, is not permitted.
- Martinez v. Soleill \$1 MILLION judgment after bench trial-commercial fraud.

## **Medical Malpractice**

- MIELES v. S.MIA HOSP. 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA clarifies pre-suit requirements under Fla. Med-Mal Statute.
- RAVELO v. CEDARS 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA affirms \$2 MILLION Verdict as to M.D. reverses as to Hospital. Wrongful hysterectomy of 29 year-old woman; further outlines Florida's immunity granted to hospitals obtaining patient consent.
- BUTLER v. AZAR \$3.1 MILLION Verdict. Infectious disease death of 42-year-old laborer with adult children. Settled during appeal.
- BROWN v. DOE \$5 MILLION Structured Settlement, Undisclosed hospital's failure to diagnose meningitis in 2 year-old leading to catastrophic brain damage.

## **Representative**

### **Commercial Clients**

- Brava, LLC., (Miami, Fla.), Nationwide Air (South Africa), Imperial Air (Peru), IRG Technologies (NASDAQ) Esperance (Liberia/Norway), Miami Medical Centers USA, Inc. (Miami, Fla.), Banco Ex de Espana (Spain), Worldstar Communications Group (Miami); Hermanos Al Rescate (Brothers To The Rescue), Pro Bono (Miami, Fla.), Commercial Aviation International, LLC., (Tempe, Arizona), Versailles De Toro Optical Group, (Miami, Fla. /Spain), Olympus Health Care Management, (Miami, Fla.)

## **Conferences**

### **Seminars**

### **Speaking Engagements**

1. **"Parents Teachers and the Law"**, FIU scheduled Oct. 27-28, 2004
2. **"Emerging Drugs and Devices"**, American Conference Institute, New York, N.Y. December 16-18, 2002. Featured Speaker.
3. **"Vaccine Litigation Conference"**, Mealey's Lexis Publications, December 3, 2002, Palm Beach, Florida. *Conference Chairman.*
4. **"Medical Monitoring: A Plaintiff's Perspective"** presented by American Conference Institute, New York City, New York, April 8 – 9, 2002. Continuing Legal Education Series. Featured Speaker. Author of submitted Materials & Manual.
5. **"Medical Charts, Vaccinations and Links to Legal Issues"** presented by South Carolina Society of Medical Assistants, Thirteenth Annual Convention, Charleston, South Carolina, April 20, 2002 Featured Speaker.
6. **"Mercury Poisoning Via Vaccines"**; presented by Autism Society of Wisconsin; Appleton, Wisconsin, April 2002. Featured Speaker.

7. ***“Vaccine Litigation....Mercury Poisoning & Autism”***; presented by Autism Society of Middle Tennessee. ASMT’s Autism Education Workshop Series at Vanderbilt University, Bill Wilkerson Center Lecture Hall, June 13, 2002. Featured Speaker.
8. ***“Symposium On Vaccine Litigation”*** presented by Campbell & Taylor, Charlotte, North Carolina, June 21, 2002. Featured Speaker.

## Media

- ***St. Petersburg Times, “Vaccines Blamed For Autism”***, Graham Brink, April 21, 2002.
- ***Associated Press, “Downed Cubans Not Hijackers”***, September 1, 2001.
- ***South Florida Sun-Sentinel, “Is There a Link Between Vaccines and Autism”***, Liz Doup, February 10, 2002.
- ***NewsMax.Com, “Group Seeks Castro’s Arrest”***, September 7, 2000.
- ***ABC, WPLG, “Mother Says Routine Vaccination Left Child With Autism/Judge Weighs Whether Case Will Go To Trial”***, August 1, 2002.
- ***St. Petersburg Times, “Flu Shot Guidance Renews Old Fears”***, October, 2002.
- ***St. Petersburg Times, “Parents Fight to Link Vaccines, Autism”***, Graham Brink, April 15, 2002.
- ***Associated Press, “Man Killed on Flight From Cuba Buried in Miami”***, October 3, 2000.
- ***El Nuevo Herald, “Castro Arremete Contra La ONU”***, September 7, 2000.
- ***CNN, “Exiles Want Castro Arrested in New York”***, September 7, 2000.
- ***Miami Herald, Woman Who Didn’t OK Hysterectomy Gets 2 Million”***, Frank Davies, July 7, 1997.
- ***Miami Herald, “Secretary’s status stirs Budget Debate”***, Alina Matas August 1987.
- ***Lloyd’s List, “Law: Court Rules on Jurisdiction Dispute”***, Anne Moore, September 4, 1993.

## Education

- 1983, University of Florida, Holland Law Center. J.D.
- 1979, University of Florida. B.A.

## Affiliations

- The Florida Bar (1984),
- Supreme Court of The United States
- United States Court of Federal Claims

- United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal
- United States Federal District Court Southern District of Florida
- Supreme Court of Florida
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- American Bar Association,
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, (AFTL)
- ATLA co-chair Vaccine Litigation Group 2001-2003
- Florida Bar Tobias Simon, Pro Bono Service Award, 1996 co-recipient
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee Group 11-B (1999-2000)
- Grievance Committee Chairman, Fla. Bar (2000-2001)

**Personal**

- Married in 1979 to Lury Ribas. Father of three children, Alexandra, Annalury & Roberto E. Interests include; Triathlons (USAT member), sailing, scuba diving, classical guitar, philately; Fluent in Spanish; Born, Havana, Cuba.