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Manuel A. Arroyo is counsel in the Corporate, Banking & Finance, and Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Practices. He is also the Firm's Diversity Officer. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Arroyo founded and operated several businesses through which he gained extensive experience in both corporate and real estate transactions. Building on this broad business experience, he represents clients in matters involving business formations, mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiations, commercial transactions and corporate/commercial litigation. Mr. Arroyo previously practiced Commercial Litigation and Corporate Law at the law firm of ShapiroCroland in New Jersey. He served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Rosemary Gambardella in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey while in law school.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Startup & Emerging Business
- Corporate
- Litigation
- Real Property Valuation
- Commercial Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Prosecuted copyright infringement litigation in appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Defended major real estate developer in an action for specific performance.
- Effectively defended against a claim of conversion invoking the "Innocent Purchaser Defense" against top global recycler.
- Successfully represented contract manufacturer of licensed furniture distributor in dispute over alleged manufacturing flaws, implementing a winning theory under provisions of the U.C.C.
- Represented New Jersey municipality in condemnation valuation case.
- Obtained summary judgment against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and insurer on behalf of transportation company.
- Obtained zoning redesignation for property owner before the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission.
- Represented property owners in various land use applications and property tax appeals.

REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Port Auth. of New York & New Jersey v. Bear Metal Transport, Inc.*, 2015 WL 7199677, *1 (Nov. 17, 2015)

- *A & S Check Cashing v. Rapid Check Cashing*, 2015 WL 10044888
- *Troma Entm't, Inc. v. Centennial Pictures Inc.*, 729 F.3d 215 (2d Cir. N.Y. 2013)
- *Fernandez v Cohen*, 110 A.D.3d 557 (N.Y. App. Div. 1st Dep't 2013)

RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS

- Recipient, Pro Bono Champion Award, Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc. (2017)
- Rated, AV Preeminent, Martindale Hubbell
- Selected, Upstate New York Super Lawyers - Rising Star (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member, National Hispanic Bar Association
- Founding Director, Upstate Minority Economic Alliance, Board of Directors
- Former Trustee, Elysian Charter School of Hoboken
- Former President, Let's Celebrate, Inc.
- Other Languages - Spanish

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Hancock Estabrook Fifth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2017)
- Upstate MEA, "How You Can Obtain a NYS Minority and Women Owned Business Certification" (December 2016)
- Hancock Estabrook's Fourth Annual Advisors to Small Business Symposium (June 2016)

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- "N.J. Eminent Domain: Determining Fair Market Value", 214 N.J.L.J. 610 (2013).
- "Families Coping with Involuntary Commitment in New Jersey", June 15, 2012.
- "Trademark Owners Receiving 'Cease and Desist' Notices Have Options", November 13, 2013.

EDUCATION

- Rutgers School of Law, Newark, J.D., 2009
- Harvard University, Ed.M., 1993
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst, B.A., 1992

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- United States Court of Appeals (Second Circuit)
- United States District Court (DNJ)
- United States District Court (EDNY)
- United States District Court (SDNY)