

# Chad S. Purdie

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Chad S. Purdie is a partner at Sanchez Fischer Levine, LLP, whose well-rounded practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and transactional/regulatory matters, primarily involving international issues. Having practiced in both law firms and in-house at a major international financial services company, Chad possesses a unique business perspective that allows him to mix legal and business judgment to best serve the clients' needs. Those clients include multinational corporations, foreign governments, and their officials, private U.S. and foreign citizens, and local start-up businesses.

He is a veteran litigator that has handled matters from inception through final appeals in both state and federal courts, as well as arbitral tribunals. He specializes in complex law and motion practice, global litigation strategy, and appeals, and has successfully represented numerous corporate entities and foreign government agencies in U.S. litigation. Those matters have included contractual and other business disputes, intellectual property/counterfeiting matters, defamation/First Amendment issues, and international law.

Chad is also an accomplished contract negotiator and corporate attorney, often closing deals involving intellectual property rights, corporate governance, mergers/acquisitions, financing, and distribution rights. He advises clients on intellectual property registration and enforcement, as well as data privacy laws such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act. Chad is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist.

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

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- Commercial Litigation
- International Law
- Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Data Privacy
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Entertainment
- Financial Services

## **ADMISSIONS**

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- California
- Florida
- District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida

## **EDUCATION**

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- J.D., University of Miami School of Law
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  - Law Review
  - Dean's Merit Scholarship
  - Doyle Merit Scholarship
- B.A., Broadcast Journalism, Arizona State University

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist – ACAMS (2008)

## **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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### **Commercial/International Litigation**

- Represented Honduran company in federal court litigation brought by commodities broker for breach of contract; obtained jurisdictional dismissal of all claims
- Represented German electronics company intellectual property/counterfeiting dispute against Brazilian distributor and those using the counterfeit products in the international marketplace; obtained injunctive relief prohibiting further use and sale of counterfeit products
- Represented South American government agency in several federal court actions involving RICO and government expropriation claims; obtained dismissal of \$400 million expropriation claim
- Represented Costa Rican investment funds in Delaware litigation brought by former investor, twice obtaining dismissal of all claims brought against clients.
- Represented South American government agency on behalf of intervened bank in action to recover on guaranty signed by member of high-profile family
- Represented plaintiffs in class action against European car manufacturer for deceptive trade practices and fraud
- Represented U.S. subsidiary of Spanish avant garde furniture company in action against former employer for embezzlement, intellectual property infringement, and fraud
- Represented Venezuelan government official in defamation dispute involving statements made by New York Times reporter
- Represented Venezuelan businessman in defamation action against U.S. television broadcasting company for the publication of false information

### **Corporate Matters**

- Successfully negotiated with Swiss company to obtain intellectual property rights to mission-critical technology for messaging app
- Successfully negotiated more than five dozen money transfer agreements with financial institutions and exchange houses spanning from Hong Kong to Morocco
- Successfully negotiated acquisition of multiple insurance agencies for highly successful South Florida insurance agency
- Registered trademarks for international companies and local start-up businesses
- Drafted international distribution agreement for Latin American office products company
- Structured and drafted service and licensing agreements for related companies to ensure regulatory compliance
- Advised multinational company regarding data privacy and security laws, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and the General Data Protection Regulation.
- Negotiated investments in new oil and gas technology resulting in equity funding for energy start-up
- Negotiated more than \$20 million in emergency financing for international company

## **NOTABLE DECISIONS**

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- *Redfield Investments, A.V.V. v. Village of Pinecrest*, 990 So.2d 1135 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008) (overturning service on foreign corporation where plaintiff failed to meet the statutory and due process requirements for service by publication).
- *Robles-Martinez v. Diaz, Reus & Targ, LLP*, 88 So.3d 177 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011) (affirming finding of valid substitute service).
- *Global Commodities Trading Group, Inc. v. Beneficio de Arroz Choloma, S.A. et al.*, No. 2:16-CV-01045, 2016 WL 4041219 (E.D. Cal. July 28, 2016) (securing denial of temporary restraining order against defendant's prosecution of related lawsuit in Honduras).
- *Global Commodities Trading Group, Inc. v. Beneficio de Arroz Choloma, S.A. et al.*, No. 2:16-CV-01045, 2017 WL 3537279 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 17, 2017) (obtaining dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction all claims against Honduran company and its owners).
- *Vara v. Inocenti*, No. 18-23058-CIV, 2018 WL 8415251 (S.D. Fla. Nov. 16, 2018) (obtaining remand to Florida state court of fraud case involving HSBC, Barclays, and Wells Fargo)
- *Richard and Valerie Goldblatt v. The Raymond and Selma Weisbein Irrevocable Trust*, Appellate Case No.: 3D20-0758 (Fla. 3d DCA 2021) (affirming order of contempt against judgment debtors for failure to comply with proceedings supplementary order).
- *Susanne Klement v. Boris Kofsmann o/b/o A.K.*, Appellate Case No.: 4D21-1867 (Fla. 4th DCA 2022) (reversing temporary injunction against respondent based on res judicata and lack of evidence).

## **PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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- Speaker, Injunctive Relief in Arbitral Tribunals, International Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Conference before the Union Nacional de Juristas de Cuba (Cuban Bar Association), Havana, Cuba, January 2010.
- Speaker, Injunctive Relief in Arbitral Tribunals, Caribbean Congress on International Commercial Arbitration, Havana, Cuba June 2010.
- Speaker, The Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration: The Key To Economic Growth Through the Rule of Law?, Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Miami, Florida, August 2010.
- Moderator, China – Latin America Business Seminar, with presentations by ambassadors to China from several Latin American countries, Beijing, China, May 2011.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- “Rising Star” – Florida Super Lawyers
- “Top Up & Comer” – South Florida Legal Guide