



## Michael Restrepo

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Michael Restrepo represents established businesses throughout South Florida, focusing his practice on the defense of claims related to general liability, premises liability, personal injury and commercial contract litigation.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Michael gained experience representing business entities and individuals throughout Central and North Florida in matters related to insurance defense, construction defect and community association disputes, handling all aspects of litigation from inception to resolution.

During law school, Michael became familiar with the courtroom while interning for the Honorable Judge Sarah Zabel in Miami-Dade County. He went on to work for the Veteran Affairs Office of General Counsel, where he provided legal representation to Veteran Affairs Employers in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) discrimination cases and labor disputes.

### Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., 2019)
- Florida International University (B.A., 2015)

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty

## Client Wins

**Suarez and Restrepo Secure Full Dismissal for Global Resort Group in Third-Party**

**Liability Case**

Tanya Suarez (Partner-Miami) and Michael Restrepo (Associate-Miami, FL) secured a complete dismissal of all claims in the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court on behalf of Wilson Elser's clients, a global resort group and its resort property located in the Bahamas. This complex third-party action arose from an alleged recreational vehicle accident near the resort's security gate. The third-party plaintiff alleged negligence claims against our clients, alleging that inadequate roadway lighting contributed to the accident.

Tanya and Michael engaged in extensive motion practice, submitting more than 500 pages of briefing. The team moved to dismiss plaintiff's claims on multiple grounds, including expiration of the statute of limitations, failure to state a cause of action, and forum non conveniens. After nearly two hours of oral argument, the court granted the motion in full. The court agreed with Tanya and Michael's arguments and found the statute of limitations issue to be dispositive, ruling that the claims were time-barred and untimely under Florida law, while also considering the Bahamian statute of limitations issues raised in the briefing. In light of this ruling, the court did not reach the remaining arguments, including forum non conveniens, which had previously been raised by the third-party plaintiffs (Florida residents), denied by the trial court, and affirmed on appeal in the original action, before our client's involvement as a third-party defendant.