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Raúl Chacón Jr. is board-certified in Admiralty and Maritime law by the Florida Bar. He has tried over 100 cases to verdict throughout his career and is hired by clients to represent their interests in matters and litigation throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Raúl is part of a team of experienced trial lawyers representing clients facing litigation in various areas, including maritime law, personal injury, product liability, premises liability, restaurant franchisor/franchisee litigation, and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience as national and local counsel for various insurers and corporate entities, including the largest U.S. boat manufacturer. He handles litigation in general liability, maritime law, transportation, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) administrative proceedings, and various recreational industry-related matters. He is regularly appointed to act as national and local counsel by insurance companies in admiralty and maritime matters, including coverage, as well as in products and general liability matters.

Raúl has been published, including as a co-author of *Florida Maritime Law Practice and Procedure*, and has presented on various topics, including maritime law and practice, handling maritime claims in the United States, management of maintenance and cure, risk-shifting in maritime contracts, product liability, and analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Raúl provides client personnel with skilled legal representation in various areas of maritime law, product liability, general liability, and as outside general counsel.

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1993)
- University of Miami College of Engineering (B.S.E.E., 1990)

Bar Admissions

Services

- Appellate
- Admiralty & Marine
- Employment & Labor
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Transportation
- National Trial Team

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Professional Affiliations

- Florida Bar Association
- Adjunct Professor of Marine Insurance Law, University of Miami School of Law
- Board of Directors, University of Miami College of Engineering Alumni Association, 2020–2023
- Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club, 1997–Present; Skipper, 2023.
- The Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA), 2015–Present
- Maritime Law Committee, Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Chair, 2011–2013
- Admiralty Law Committee, Florida Bar, 2007–Present; Vice Chair, 2014–2016
- Admiralty & Maritime Law Board Certification Committee, Florida Bar, 2013–Present; Chair, 2016
- Boating Industry Risk Management Council, NMMA, Council Member, 2013–Present
- Board of Directors, Boat Political Action Committee, 2015–2024
- National Marine Manufacturers Association, 2012–Present
- American Boat and Yacht Council, 2010–Present
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 1988–Present
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, 1999–Present
- Cuban American Bar Association Vice President, 2010–2012; Board of Directors, 2005–2012; Member, 1997–Present
- League of Prosecutors President, 2010; Vice President, 2003–2009; Treasurer, 2014–2023; Board of Directors, 2003–2023; Member, 1997–Present

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in The Legal 500 United States in Shipping Litigation & Regulation Tier 3, 2025
- Top Lawyers, Admiralty and Maritime Law, South Florida Legal Guide, 2012–2018
- Best Lawyers In America, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Commercial Litigation, 2019–2024
- Board Certified Admiralty & Maritime Law, 2012; Recertification in 2017, 2022

- American Boat & Yacht Council, Standards Certification, 2010
- Thomson Reuters, Florida Super Lawyers, 2013, 2015–2024
- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell
- Top Attorneys in Florida, Wall Street Journal & Miami Magazine, 2013–Present
- De Los Más Destacados Abogados, Almirantazgo y Maritimo, Revista Abogados
- Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers
- Selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers®, 2025
- Florida Bar Admiralty & Maritime Law Board Certification Committee, Vice Chair, 2026-2027