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Corali Lopez-Castro is a shareholder in Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, and she concentrates her practice on Bankruptcy and Commercial Litigation matters. In addition, she was President of the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) in 2006. Mrs. Lopez-Castro's practice reflects her extensive experience and expertise in a wide range of bankruptcy and insolvency matters, including bankruptcy reorganizations, business liquidations under the United States Bankruptcy Code, workouts, debt restructuring, and creditors' rights. Her practice also involves commercial litigation matters that arise from receiverships and liquidations. She litigates before federal and state courts locally and around the United States.

Serving on the panel of Trustees for the Southern District of Florida between 1998 and 2002, Mrs. Lopez-Castro was responsible for ensuring the liquidation and distribution of assets in bankruptcy cases filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mrs. Lopez-Castro joined Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton in 1990. She remained with the firm through 1995, when she briefly relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, and practiced law with Hahn Loeser & Parks. In 1997, Mrs. Lopez-Castro returned to Miami and rejoined KT&T. She has been a partner in the firm since 1998.

She has earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV), and from 2005 through 2008, was recognized in Chambers USA's *America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, an independent, objective rankings guide to the nation's top attorneys. In addition, Mrs. Lopez-Castro has been recognized repeatedly in *Florida Trend's Legal Elite* for her practice in business law.

Mrs. Lopez-Castro was the second woman president of the Cuban American Bar Association. The University of Miami Law Alumni Association awarded its first ever Leadership Award to Mrs. Lopez-Castro.

In addition to her involvement in the Cuban American Bar Association, Mrs. Lopez-Castro has lectured on bankruptcy-related topics at meetings and seminars of the American Bar Association (ABA) and is active in other professional organizations and the community.

Mrs. Lopez-Castro, who was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, earned her J.D. degree, *cum laude*, in 1990 from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was a member of the *Inter-American Law Review*. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1987.

KEY PRACTICE AREAS

- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Receivership
- Creditors' Rights
- Debtor Solutions
- Commercial Litigation

MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Bar, 1990
- District of Columbia Bar, 1993
- Ohio Bar, 1997
- United States District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and Northern District of Ohio
- Cuban American Bar Association, President (2006)
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association, Judicial Campaign Practices Commission, 2000 - 2005
- Florida Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Chair of Executory Contract (2008), Vice-Chair of the Litigation Subcommittee of the Business Law Section (2006-2008)
- Bankruptcy Bar Association, Southern District of Florida

EDUCATION

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law
- B.A., Brown University
- Member of the Inter-American Law Review

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, American Bar Association, Creditors' Rights Subcommittee, Prime Motor Inns Revisited and More Letter of Credit Mischief (1991)
- Panelist, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Everything You Wanted to Know About the First Weeks of a Chapter 11 Case (2001), Everything You Wanted to Know About Cash Collateral (2002), Everything You Wanted to Know About How Bankruptcy Affects Your Business Law Practice (2004), A Practical Guide to Litigating Deepening Insolvency (2006), Daubert: Intruder or Invited Guest in Bankruptcy Cases (2007)
- Panelist, Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, Testimony of Appraisers in Bankruptcy Cases (July 1994), The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994 (January 1995), Involuntary Bankruptcies (February 1999)