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Xavier L. Suarez is of counsel in Greenspoon Marder's Miami office. Mr. Suarez focused his practice on every aspect of civil litigation, which included international litigation, real estate, labor and employment, and intellectual property. With a law degree from Harvard University, Mr. Suarez has more than 40 years of experience in litigation, real estate, corporate, and healthcare care law as well as representing government agencies.

Mr. Suarez most recently served on the Miami-Dade County Commission as District 7 Commissioner, representing numerous municipalities including the City of Miami, the Village of Key Biscayne, the City of Coral Gables, the City of South Miami, the Village of Pinecrest, as well as areas of unincorporated Miami-Dade County from 2011-2020. He served as Mayor of the City of Miami beginning in 1985 and was reelected in 1987 and 1989. Mr. Suarez's work concentrated on the construction of affordable housing, prioritized community neighborhood improvements, and received national praise for his effective handling of civil disturbances. In addition, he entered Miami City Hall becoming the first Cuban-born mayor of a major U.S. city.

Court Admissions

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

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1975
- M.P.P., Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 1975
- B.A., Villanova University, *summa cum laude*, 1971

Other Languages

- Spanish

Practice Areas

- Real Estate

Professional and Community Involvement

- Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 7, May 2011 – Present
- City of Miami, Mayor, 1985 – 1993
- Thomas University, Board of Trustees, Former Member, 1995
- Archdiocesan Education Foundation, Former Board Member, 1994 – 1995
- Kendall Regional Medical Center, Former Board Member, 1994
- Nova University Law Center, Former Board Member, 1994
- Camillus House, Former Board Member, 1993 – 1994
- Anselm's Abby School, Washington, D.C., Former Board of Directors, 1992 – 1995
- National Subcommittee on Immigration Policy U.S. Conference of Mayors, Former Member, 1991
- National League of Cities Youth Task Force, Former Member, 1991
- National Legal Service Corporation, Board of Directors, Former Member 1990 – 1991
- Freedoms Foundation, Board of Trustees, Former Member, 1989
- Governor's Task Force Urban Growth Patters, Former Member, 1988
- Nominating Committee of U.S. Conference of Mayors, Former Member, 1988
- The Catholic University of America, Board of Regents, Former Member 1987 – 1988
- Criminal Justice Council of Dade County, Former Member, 1980 – 1984
- Dade County Community Action Agency Administrating Board, Former Vice Chairman, 1984
- Little Havana Advisory Board to the Community Action Agency, Former Chairman, 1984
- Board of Directors of Dade County Housing and Urban Development, Former Member, 1980 – 1984
- Affirmation Action Commission of the City of Miami-Dade County, Former Chairman, 1981
- Citizens Blue Ribbon Committee to oversee Dupont Plaza Development, Former Member, 1981
- Board of Directors of Health Systems Agency, Former Member, 1980 – 1981
- Board of Directors of Legal Services of Greater Miami-Dade County, Former Member, 1979
- Advisory Board of Miami Mental Health Center, Former Member 1978 – 1979

Recognitions

- Recipient, Silver Medallion Award, the Greater Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1995
- Recipient, Award for Excellence National Forum for Black Public Administrators, 1993
- Voted Best Local Politician, Esquire magazine, 1992
- Featured in *National Builders Biographies*, published by a Division of Globe Book Company, for 7-Eleven stores, 1990
- Recipient of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, Villanova University, 1988
- Recipient, Order of Democracy, from the Republic of Colombia, 1987
- Included in Howard Gardner's Harvard University Zero Project *Frames of Mind: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences*, along with Dr. Martin Luther King and Russell Means, 1983

Publications

- Author, "*The Wealth of a Nation*," AuthorHouse, 2014
- Author, "*On the Likely Origin of Species*," AuthorHouse, 2013
- Author, "*Democracy in America 2010*," AuthorHouse, 2011
- Author, "*A Unified Theory of God, Mind and Matter*," AuthorHouse, 2005
- 20 Villanova Law Review 97 "Congressional Immunities – A criticism of existing distinctions and a proposal for a new definitional approach," 20 Villanova Law Review 97, November 1974
- Guest article writer for the Miami News, 1978 – 1981
- Article contributor to the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Miami Herald*, *El Nuevo Herald*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Miami Today*, *The Miami Times*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Diario las Americas*, *The Voice*, *Sun Sentinel*, *Community Newspapers*