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Carlos Vera concentrates his practice in general and complex commercial litigation, particularly in the areas of business torts, professional liability, white collar defense and contractual disputes. Mr. Vera has represented individuals and business entities in state and federal court, in regulatory matters before the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations, and the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission.

Prior to joining Johnson & Bell, Mr. Vera worked as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County. During his time there, he gained trial experience from prosecuting over 200 bench trials and seven jury trials to verdict. Mr. Vera also drafted numerous appellate briefs and argued before the 1st District Court of Appeals on behalf of the State. Mr. Vera previously clerked for Judge Ronald Bartkowicz on the Commercial Calendar of the Circuit Court of Cook County dealing extensively with matters arising out of commercial litigation.

Mr. Vera graduated *cum laude* from Chicago-Kent College of Law, in 2012. While in law school, Mr. Vera competed in regional and national trial advocacy competitions and served as a law clerk in the Trial Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office where he litigated cases pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 711. Mr. Vera served as a judicial extern to the Honorable James Holderman, Chief Judge (ret.), U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Vera also received CALI Awards for achieving the highest grades in Constitutional Law and Civil Procedure.

Mr. Vera was named as one of the "Forty Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" for 2020 by Law Bulletin Publishing Company, publishers of Chicago Lawyer magazine

and the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. He is an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association ("ISBA"), a member of the ISBA Civil Practice & Procedure Section Counsel, and the ISBA Assembly, which is the policy making body of the ISBA. Mr. Vera is also a member of the American Law Firm Association ("ALFA"), Business Litigation Steering Committee.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

Indiana Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., Cum Laude

Whittier College, BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies

AFFILIATIONS

Illinois State Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association Assembly

American Law Firm Association, Business Litigation Steering Committee

HONORS

"Forty Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch", Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2020

CLIENT RESULTS

[When Plaintiff's "Double Dip" Effort Fails, He Sues Law Firm. Vera, Sedia Secure Summary Judgment in Favor of the Law Firm in a LegalMal Dispute](#)

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

["Overview and Structure of Civil Courts in Illinois."](#) Client Advisory, March 15, 2021