

# Romney Maron Manassa



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### Practice & Industry Areas

- Immigration Law

### Education

- University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL, J.D./LL.M. in International Arbitration, *cum laude*, 2020
- Florida International University, Miami, FL, B.A., International Relations and Political Science, 2010

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida Bar, 2022

## Overview

Romney Maron Manassa practices U.S. immigration and nationality law, with a focus on employment, business, and talent-based immigration. He has prepared applications and petitions for intracompany transferees, workers in specialty occupations, individuals with extraordinary ability, and TN professionals. Romney has also worked on asylum applications, removal defense cases, and family-based immigration, which has given him exposure to the many complex rules, procedures, and institutions of the U.S. immigration system.

Romney appreciates the challenges faced by his clients and, as a second-generation immigrant, he is passionate about giving every client an opportunity to achieve their American Dream. He views every client as a unique individual entitled to personalized

solutions. To that end, Romney’ endeavors to provide personalized service, empathy, and an in-depth understanding of both the law and the people it serves.

Romney graduated *cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law with a J.D., with an area of focus on Immigration, Asylum, and Citizenship, and an LL.M. in International Arbitration. He served as staff editor of the *Inter-American Law Review*, student fellow at the Human Rights Clinic, president of the Society of Bar and Gavel honor society, and member of the International Moot Court Program. Romney competed in the International Criminal Court Moot Competition in The Hague, Netherlands; presented human rights research to a United Nations committee in Geneva, Switzerland; participated in an exchange program with Leipzig University, Germany; studied U.N. climate negotiations in Madrid, Spain; and conducted environmental law field work in Panama.

## Honors

- Inductee and President, Society of Bar and Gavel, University of Miami School of Law, 2018-2020
- Markus Award, University of Miami School of Law, 2019
- Honor Council, University of Miami School of Law, 2018-2020
- Second Runner Up in Prosecution Memorial, IBA International Criminal Court Moot Competition, 2019

## Publications & Presentations

- *Federalism in the Era of Globalization: The Exercise of Foreign Affairs Powers by Subnational Entities*, 52 U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev. 139 (2021), <https://repository.law.miami.edu/umialr/vol52/iss2/6>
- *The Treaty of Tlatelolco: What Countries Today Can Learn from Mexico’s Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*, *Inter-American Law Review*, Student Blog (Sept. 12, 2019), <http://bitly.ws/9zhK>.
- *America’s “Globalist” Constitution: Implications for Immigration and Foreign Policy*, AILA Doc. No. 19100205, AILA Law Student Lark, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (Oct. 2, 2019)

## Professional Associations & Memberships

- Miami-Dade County Bar Association, 2022-present
- Florida Bar Association
  - International Law Section, 2022-present
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 2022-present

- Public Interest Section, 2022-present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2022-present
- International Bar Association, 2022-present
- American Society for International Law, 2022-present

## **Civic & Community Service**

- Fellow, Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program, University of Miami School of Law, 2018
- Fellow, Human Rights Clinic, University of Miami School of Law, 2019-2020