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MANUEL A. DIAZ

Senior partner, Lydecker Diaz



Education: Associate degree (honors), Miami Dade College; B.A. (honors), Florida International University; J.D.,

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Career highlights: Diaz is best known for his eight years as mayor of Miami, steering the city through its largest expansion in history and raising its international profile. Prior to his post as mayor, he was an accomplished attorney, handling successful commercial transactions, both as lawyer and principal. Highlights of his legal career include serving as executive VP and general counsel for Florida-based real estate firm Terremark Investment Services, where he oversaw the development and management of commercial development valued at more than \$300 million; senior partner at Diaz & O'Naghten LLP; and founder and managing partner of Berkowitz & Diaz.

MARK A. HENDRICKS

Managing partner, Lydecker Diaz



Education: B.A. and J.D., University of Miami
Career highlights: Hendricks is an experienced civil

trial attorney who has successfully tried and litigated numerous cases throughout Florida in both state and federal courts, as well as the Division of Administrative Hearings. He has specialized expertise handling governmental procurements for services, bid protests and related litigation. In addition to law practice, he is also active with the firm's client development, strategic growth plans and initiatives. An Eagle Scout, Mark gives back to the community by serving on the executive board for the South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America and actively fundraising for the organization.

RICHARD J. LYDECKER

Founding partner, Lydecker Diaz



Education: B.A. (cum laude), University of Buffalo; J.D. (magna cum laude), Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Career highlights: Lydecker has a diverse and extensive background in the general practice of civil litigation and insurance defense. He is a current member of the Federal Judicial Nominating Committee, which nominates candidates to the president for appointments to the federal bench and the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. He was cross-appointed by U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez. Lydecker was a senior Major Case Bureau prosecutor in New York, with an outstanding record of success in preparing, managing and trying high-profile cases. Before accepting his appointment to the District Attorney's Office, Richard was an attorney at a prestigious Wall Street insurance defense firm.