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René A. Torrado, Jr., a former President of the Chicago Bar Association, is a distinguished and respected member of the Chicago legal community. A 1969 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 1973 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, René began his legal career as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King in the Southern District of Florida. Following his clerkship, he participated in the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program as a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia.

After completing his government service in 1978, René represented plaintiffs in antitrust matters and defendants in criminal prosecutions in a Washington, DC law firm. In 1981, René moved to Chicago and continued his trial practice with Reuben & Proctor and then formed his own firm. In 1987, René joined Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, where he remained as a trial lawyer until joining Corboy & Demetrio in 2003.

René has represented individuals and corporations in a broad spectrum of civil matters. His clients have included corporate executives in executive compensation matters, class actions, shareholder derivative actions, and securities litigation; and individuals in trade secret and business tort litigation. As a trial lawyer, his representation has included matters involving antitrust, securities, RICO, contract, and fraud claims.

He has also represented Chicago area professional sports teams in workers' compensation claims and personal injury actions. On behalf of trade associations, he has both prosecuted and defended commercial claims such as antitrust matters, contract claims, and constitutional claims.

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Vehicular Negligence

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1973
- University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1969

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois, 1981
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1975
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1981
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 1975
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1981
- Florida, 1973
- District of Columbia, 1985

His courtroom successes include a \$20 million judgment on behalf of a commercial financial institution in a lawsuit against corporate and individual defendants accused of violating RICO, committing fraud, and breach of contract and an \$8 million judgment on behalf of an inventor against a multi-national healthcare product manufacturer.

Active in the Chicago Bar Association, (CBA), René has served as General Counsel of the Association from 1988 to 1995, President from 1995 to 1996 and chair of the Appellate Review Committee of the Judicial Evaluation Committee, where he is currently a member. With René as General Counsel, the CBA was successful in its constitutional challenge to proposed voter initiative imposing term limits on members of the Illinois General Assembly. René is a member of the Special Committee on the Illinois Constitutional Convention and is active in the Center for Conflict Resolution and the Chicago Inn of Court.

René is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America," an invitation-only, peer-selected publication. He is one of the top 5% of Trial Lawyers in Illinois as determined by the Leading Lawyers Network, is an Illinois Super Lawyer, and has an AV rating - the highest possible for any attorney - from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

News

- Thirteen Corboy & Demetrio Lawyers Selected Leading Lawyers in Illinois (December 16, 2011)
- Corboy & Demetrio Uniformly Judged to be the Best of the Best
- Five Corboy & Demetrio Lawyers Named Best Lawyers in America, 2012 Edition
- Corboy & Demetrio Files Civil Lawsuit in Death of Pedestrian Killed by Bus
- Corboy & Demetrio Files Civil Lawsuit in Death of Pedestrian Killed by Bus (May 2011)
- Corboy & Demetrio - The Leader in Aviation Litigation
- 13 Corboy & Demetrio Attorneys Selected as Illinois Leading Lawyers (February 11, 2011)
- 11 Corboy & Demetrio Lawyers Named to 2011 Super Lawyers List (January 15, 2011)
- Corboy & Demetrio - Leaders in Bridge and Structural Collapse and Defect Litigation
- Corboy & Demetrio Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Named to Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2009)
- Corboy & Demetrio Named One of Chicago's Top Law Firms (August 2008)
- All Twelve Partners at Corboy & Demetrio Recognized as 2008 Illinois Super Lawyers (January 2008)
- Commercial Litigation Attorney, René Torrado, Jr., Profiled (September 2007)

Publications

- Positive Thinking Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Record (May 1996)
- The Challenge of Merit Selection CBA Record (April 1996)
- President's Page CBA Record, February/March (1996)

- Remembering Judge Hubert Will [CBA Record](#) (January 1996)
- Applause for the Court [CBA Record](#) (November 1995)
- Lend a Hand [CBA Record](#) (October 1995)
- The Human Element [CBA Record](#) (September 1995)
- Chicago Is...A Lawyer's Kind of Town [CBA Record, June/July](#) (1995)

Honors

- American Bar Association, Jury Initiatives Task Force, Co-Chair, 2000
- American Inns of Court, Chicago Inn of Court, Master of the Bench
- Chicago Bar Association, President, 1995 - 1996, General Counsel, 1988 - 1995, Judicial Evaluation Committee, Appellate Review Committee Member, 2008-2011, Judicial Evaluation Committee, Appellate Review Committee, Chair, 2002
- Illinois Constitutional Convention, Special Committee Member, 2008
- Seventh Circuit American Jury Project Commission, Member, 2005
- AV rating, Martindale-Hubbell - Highest level awarded for professional excellence
- The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation
- Illinois Super Lawyers - Top 5% of all Illinois attorneys
- Leading Lawyers Network Member - Top 5% of all Illinois attorneys
- Chicago Inn of Courts, President, 2011-2012

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA), Jury Initiatives Task Force, Co-Chair, 2000-2001
- Chicago Bar Association (CBA), President, 1995; First Vice-President, 1994; General Counsel, 1988-1995; Judicial Evaluation Committee, Appellate Review Committee Chairman, 2002-2003, Member, 2008
- Chicago Inn of Court
- Cook County Sheriff's Committee on Cook County Jail, 2003-2006
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)
- Leading Lawyer Network
- Seventh Circuit American Jury Project Commission, 2005-2006
- Center for Conflict Resolution, 1997-2000
- Special Committee on Illinois Constitutional Convention, 2008
- "The Best Lawyers in America," Member

Seminars & Speeches

- "New Lawyer Tool Kit: Basic Skills Course for the New Attorney," Chicago Bar Association, 2009
- "Professionalism," Chicago Bar Association, 2006
- Instructor, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Midwest Regional Program, 2005
- "Litigating an Accountant's Liability Suit: Dispositive Motions and Trial," Accountant's Liability Seminar, American Bar Association, April 2001
- "Cameras in the Courtroom," Illinois News Broadcasters Association, 1995
- "Boot Camp for Aspiring Litigators," Chicago Bar Association , 1994-1999
- "RICO: A Sampling of Issues," Hispanic National Bar Association, 1991
- "How to Take a Deposition," Chicago Bar Association, 1990-1992, 1994