Maria D. Corghi

Partner

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Maria is a commercial litigator in Miami who handles complex business, real estate and property rights disputes for businesses, property owners, developers, fiduciaries, governmental entities and individuals. She represents clients in state and federal courts, from pre-suit strategy and emergency injunctive relief through dispositive motions, trial, and appeals.

On the commercial side, she litigates high-stakes breach of contract, commercial lease and general business disputes, real estate purchase and sale disputes, fiduciary duty and escrow misappropriation claims, fraud and other business torts, consumer protection claims and class actions, intellectual property disputes, and insurance coverage and indemnity disputes.

On the property side, she handles eminent domain matters for both condemning authorities and landowners, inverse condemnation, land use and zoning disputes, appellate review of local government land use decisions, and related claims. She also litigates disputes over the ownership, including easements and other encumbrances, both between private owners and against governmental entities, including mandamus, declaratory and injunctive actions.

In addition, Maria represents companies of all sizes and individuals in premises, professional and general liability, and other high-exposure tort actions, including catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims, throughout the U.S. and abroad. She also has extensive experience litigating defamation actions.

Maria's extensive work for plaintiffs and defendants alike informs how she builds and attacks a case, allowing her to anticipate the opposing side's strategy and position each matter for the strongest possible resolution.

Services

- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Eminent Domain, Condemnation & Real Estate Valuation
- Zoning & Land Use

Before Fox Rothschild

Maria joined us from the Miami office of a national law firm. Before that, she practiced at a South Florida boutique focused on catastrophic and high exposure tort litigation. She began her career at two litigation defense firms, where she defended high-exposure premises, negligent security, wrongful death, construction and professional liability claims.

During law school, Maria served on the *University of Miami School of Law International and Comparative Law Review* and was a judicial intern to the Honorable David C. Miller of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Circuit Civil Division. She also served as a law clerk and summer associate at several South Florida law firms.

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2019)
- Florida International University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2016)

Memberships

- Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (MDFAWL)
    - Chair, Courtroom Access Committee (2026–2027)
- Fellow, Women's Leadership Academy (2026)

Languages

- Spanish
- Italian

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Ones to Watch" list for Commercial Litigation in Miami by Best Lawyers (2027)

Representative Matters

- Represent the sellers in a $28 million commercial real estate transaction in litigation against the buyers and the escrow agent in the Miami-Dade Complex Business Litigation Section, through dispositive motion practice, trial preparation and settlement.
- Represent a landowner holding more than 1,000 acres in mandamus, declaratory and injunctive proceedings against a Chapter 298 water control district to enforce the district's statutory duties and challenge special assessments.
- Represent a landowner in access easement and inverse condemnation litigation against a regional water management district and other state agencies, obtaining a temporary injunction and securing a land exchange settlement under which the landowner received replacement land and compensation for the disputed property.
- Represent a South Florida county in condemnation proceedings involving critical port infrastructure.
- Represent property owners in easement and quiet title actions under Florida's Marketable Record Title Act, including obtaining vacatur of a preliminary injunction.
- Represent a trust and its trustees in related suits brought by a neighbor and a municipality over residential construction, including obtaining dissolution of a lis pendens.
- Represent property owners and businesses in certiorari and appellate proceedings against municipalities, including successful challenges to the denial of a land use special exception and related zoning disputes.
- Represent a foreign advertising company in federal multidistrict litigation involving alleged cryptocurrency fraud and related consumer protection claims.
- Represent national sureties in negotiating the resolution of federal bond forfeiture judgments.
- Represent a foreign commercial landlord in a breach of lease action against a charter school operator that terminated a 20-year built-to-suit lease, including through summary judgment practice and settlement.

- Represent a national online vacation rental platform and its affiliates in premises liability suits and consumer actions throughout the United States and abroad.
- Represent a textile manufacturer based in China as Florida counsel in a federal design patent declaratory judgment action.
- Manage the defense of state and federal crowd crush actions arising from a major national music festival, including securing coverage and resolving all claims.
- Represent a national sports governing body in an abuse claim brought by a youth participant, including through pre-suit strategy and resolution.
- Manage the defense of construction site, crane and building collapse claims, including through dispositive motion practice and resolution.
- Serve on the defense team in a highly contentious and heavily litigated defamation action, including obtaining summary judgment for the defendants and pursuing a multimillion-dollar claim for attorneys' fees.