



## THE HONORABLE ALEX E. FERRER, J.D. '86

Attorney

Former police officer, attorney, and former Florida Circuit Court Judge Alex Ferrer hosted the CBS primetime show *Whistleblower*, which aired in 2018, and *Judge Alex*, a popular courtroom show which aired from 2005 through 2017. Alex obtained his bachelor's degree from Barry University and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, where he was a published member of the law review. As a lawyer, he practiced in Miami at Sparber, Shevin and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan before starting his own firm, which focused on civil litigation.

In 1995, at the age of 34, Alex became the youngest circuit court judge in Miami's Eleventh Judicial Circuit, the largest trial court in Florida and the fourth largest in the United States. Alex also presided as an appellate judge over appeals from the Miami-Dade County Court, county commission, and numerous other governmental bodies. After 10 years on the bench, he was unanimously recommended by the Judicial Nominating Commission to Florida's governor, Jeb Bush, for a vacancy on the high-profile Third District Court of Appeal—an opportunity he bypassed to accept the television role on *Judge Alex*.

Alex has served as an adjunct professor at Florida International University, teaching graduate courses in criminal law and procedure, and continues teaching judges at annual judicial conferences. He has authored a "bench book" on closing arguments that is used by judges throughout Florida, and has appeared as a legal commentator on Fox News, CNN, Headline News, MSNBC, and broadcast television networks, and is a frequent guest on Wendy Williams, Steve Harvey, and other daily entertainment shows. In addition to his current law practice, Alex is involved in the creation and development of television content for syndication as well as broadcast and cable networks.