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### **McDonald Hopkins attracts six attorneys in six months: Former Circuit Court Judge, Jorge J. Perez, joins the law firm's Miami office**

**Cleveland, Ohio**, (November 7, 2011) – Former Circuit Court Judge, Jorge J. Perez, who was appointed to the bench by Governor Jeb Bush and most recently was a partner at Gordon & Rees LLP, has joined the Miami office of McDonald Hopkins LLC as a Member and Chair of the newly formed National Receivership Practice Group at the business advisory and advocacy law firm.

Perez is among six attorneys who have joined the firm's Miami office since it opened six months ago. South Florida is a strategic business market for McDonald Hopkins, which has had an office in West Palm Beach since 2004.

“We are delighted that our new Miami office is attracting such outstanding legal talent at a fast pace. Jorge is a renowned attorney and respected former judge who brings a wealth of knowledge to our clients,” said Raquel A. “Rocky” Rodriguez, managing member of the Miami office. “His receivership team has made a significant mark in the South Florida legal community, and McDonald Hopkins provides a great platform for expansion of that practice. He will be leading a team of attorneys with an impressive depth of receivership experience.”

Perez, who was chair of Gordon & Rees' National Receivership group, has extensive litigation experience in state, federal and administrative courts on the trial and appellate levels. He served as Circuit Court Judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade County, Florida for more

than four years. During that time, Perez presided over nearly 100 Jury and Bench trials to verdict or ruling. Since leaving the Bench to return to private practice in 2007, Perez has received numerous court appointments as Receiver, Special Magistrate, Special Master, and Mediator. His broad expertise includes receiverships, special magistrate appointments and other fiduciary appointments, as well as arbitration, mediation, and commercial litigation.

Earlier, Perez served as assistant district counsel at the Department of Homeland Security in Miami where he represented the U.S. government in all forms of federal immigration administrative and judicial proceedings. A recipient of the Miami District Office's Superior Achievement Award in 2001, Perez was the lead prosecutor in a successful high profile anti-terrorist case as well as dozens of high profile and complex immigration matters.

Perez earned a J.D., with *honors*, from the University of Florida in 1988 and a B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Miami in 1984. He is AV rated as *preeminent* by Martindale-Hubbell. Jorge Perez can be reached at 305.704.3976 or [jperez@mcdonaldhopkins.com](mailto:jperez@mcdonaldhopkins.com).

Attorney Sara M. Paris, who worked with Perez at his previous firm, joined McDonald Hopkins as an associate in the Litigation Department.

### **About McDonald Hopkins**

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