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Luis Muñoz de la Vega is an associate attorney in the litigation department of McLaughlin and Stern, where he specializes in employment law and commercial litigation with a concentration on complex and class action lawsuits.

Over the course of his legal career, Mr. Muñoz has successfully represented businesses and individuals throughout the country in labor and employment disputes, FLSA wage and hour collective actions, consumer fraud mass actions and class actions, and arbitration proceedings. Mr. Muñoz was also part of the civil rights team that represented the family of Sergio Hernandez Güereca, a 15-year-old Mexican national who was gunned down by a U.S. Border Patrol agent while the teen was standing unarmed on Mexican soil under the international bridge that connects El Paso, Texas with Cd. Juarez, Mexico. The case was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2016 and established that federal agents may not be protected by qualified immunity when using excessive force along the U.S.-Mexico border, in instances where the agents could not reasonably know the nationality of the victim, and recognized that the families of such victims in Mexico have standing to seek redress in American courts.

Mr. Muñoz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester, a Master of Science degree from Columbia University and a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law, where he was a member of the St. Mary's Law Journal and oralist and brief writer on a national moot court team. While in law school, Mr. Muñoz served as summer judicial clerk for the Hon. Phylis Speedlin of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals and for the Hon. J. Scott Hacker of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. While a law student, Mr. Muñoz won the St. Mary's Law Journal *Staff Writer Excellence Award* and the Ralph G. Langley Moot Court Competition *Best Brief Award*. Mr. Muñoz is a native of Del Rio, Texas.

Education

- B.A. University of Rochester
- M.S. Columbia University
- J.D. St. Mary's University School of Law

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Texas Trial Lawyers Association
- Teach for America Alumni Association

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Class Action
- Hospitality
- Employment