

Juan Andrés Mata

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Overview

Navigating commercial disputes, construction challenges, and regulatory compliance is about solving problems and protecting value. Juan Andrés supports his clients by focusing on their business goals and project outcomes by stepping in wherever friction arises, whether in trial, arbitration or proactive counseling, and leveraging Benesch's interdisciplinary team to deliver timely and effective resolutions.

Beyond dispute resolution, he collaborates with client to design clear, practical risk management strategies that align legal protection with business objectives.

Juan represents and advises clients primarily in two interrelated areas: commercial litigation and construction industry matters. He assists with navigating disputes, drafting strategic pleadings and motions, managing e-discovery teams, and representing clients in both judicial and arbitral forums.

As part of the commercial litigation team, Juan represents Smartmatic in high-profile defamation lawsuits, including a $2.7 billion lawsuit, related to statements made by news networks following the 2020 U.S. Presidential election. He is also experienced in high-stakes financial markets and services litigation, enforcement actions, regulatory compliance and managing government demands.

In the construction sector, Juan advises contractors, owners, and special purpose entities across a range of domestic and international projects, including emergent and pre-emptive bidding and procurement, delay and disruption, and lien disputes. He also delivers ongoing project-risk counseling during active projects to identify risks early on and to help prevent future conflicts. With his dual focus on litigation preparation and project-market awareness, Juan anticipates, manages, and works to successfully resolve his clients' legal issues to help keep their businesses on track, protect their rights and assets, and preserve their valuable business relationships.

Juan's role on Benesch's AI commission in the litigation arm allows him to evaluate emerging technology trends that affect litigation strategy, data management, and project-delivery risk. He combines that forward-looking perspective with hands-on experience drafting and defending motions, managing and streamlining discovery and seeing a matter through to resolution, meaning clients get both a proactive mindset and practical advocacy.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Washington University, School of Law, 2021, J.D.
  - Certificate in *International & Comparative Law*
  - President, *International Law Society*
  - Co-President, *OUTLaw (LGBTQIA+ Organization)*
  - Associate Editor and Diversity Committee Member, *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*
  - *cum laude*
- University of South Florida, 2016, B.A., French and B.A., Philosophy
  - Professional Language Certification in French, *Accent Français*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Memberships

- Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- Member, The National LGBTQ+ Bar Association
- Member, Hispanic National Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Dean's Leadership Award, *Washington University in St. Louis School of Law*
- Lieberman Leadership Award, *Distinguished Leader in a Doctoral Program*
- Outstanding Brief Award, *2019 Wiley Rutledge Moot Court Competition*

- Winner, *The 36th Annual 1L/LLM Client Interviewing & Counseling Competition*
- Certificate in *Excellence in Oral Advocacy*, Legal Practice Course

Beyond the office

Favorite Quote:

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

Hobbies:

Hockey, fitness, surfing, and music

Favorite Vacation:

Cinque Terre, Italy

News & Insights

- Where AI Regulation Stands Today Part 2: State Attorneys General as the Primary AI Enforcers
  June 22, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Where AI Regulation Stands Today
  April 1, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- My Benesch My Team - Richard
  December 18, 2025 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads
- Bryna Dahlin and Juan Andres Mata Mentioned in Law360 About Cannabis License Dispute
  July 9, 2025 | Media Mentions
- What the Future May Hold for Crypto Asset Litigation and Regulation
  March 21, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- DOJ Adds AI Considerations to Its Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs
  October 8, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Introducing the expanded Benesch AI Commission
  March 18, 2024 | Announcements
- Juan Andrés Mata mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  August 21, 2023 | Media Mentions