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**Richard J. Preira** is the managing partner of Richard J. Preira & Associates, P.A., a boutique law firm that handles complex matrimonial litigation and high-profile criminal defense litigation.

Rick is admitted to practice before all federal district courts in Florida, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. He made his national media debut in 1982 while advancing a defense of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for the first time in the United States on behalf of Vietnam Veteran George "Skip" Stringer, appearing on NBC's Nightline and in the cover story of the Miami Herald's Tropic Magazine. He most recently appeared in the national media while representing a lead defendant in the Congressional investigation of the Hewlett Packard corporate spying case, appearing on C-Span and on the front page of the business section of the New York Times. He successfully obtained a dismissal of all criminal

charges in that case.

Since becoming an attorney, Rick has been extremely active in the legal community. He was a charter member of the First Family Law American Inn of Court and later served as its President. He is also a member and former President of the Miami Beach Bar Association. He was a presenter at the Miami-Dade Family Courts 16th Annual Nuts & Bolts of Family Law Divorce Seminar and the Miami Beach Bar Association Lunch and Learn Series, and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Miami School of Law. Rick is a Supreme Court of Florida Certified Family Mediator, Guardian *ad Litem*, and *pro bono* advocate on behalf of petitioners seeking marriage annulments before the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Miami.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, Rick received the American Jurisprudence Book Award in Constitutional Law and was the University of Miami School of Law, Trial Advocacy Program's Outstanding Trial Advocate of 1980.

Rick earned his Bachelor of Business Administration, *cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Business, and graduated with high honors from Broward Community College with a degree in Accounting, where he was President of the Student Government Association and of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

When he is not working, Rick is scuba diving with his daughter, Jamie, hassling his son, Matthew, running or cycling. He has completed the New York Marathon, Chicago Marathon, Marine Corps Marathon, and Pan Mass Challenge Cycling Event. He is a PADI Certified Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver and competes in triathlons and adventure races.