

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Carlos A. González currently serves federal courts in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee as a special master. In this capacity, he has direct responsibility for coordinating several hundred million dollars in court-ordered remedial relief and managing the implementation of long-standing federal court decrees involving the reform of state institutions and agencies. Mr. González holds evidentiary hearings and files reports and recommendations with the district court on a range of substantive and procedural issues. Mr. González's first federal appointment as a special master came in 1993, less than four years after graduating from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Besides his ongoing special master appointments, Mr. González has a proven record of successfully mediating complex legal controversies. He has served as a private mediator and a court-appointed mediator in federal class-actions law suits and M.D.L. cases involving employment, civil rights, ERISA, and price-fixing claims. In 2000, he was appointed to mediate one of the oldest federal cases pending in Tennessee, *Geier and The United States v. Tennessee*. The case involved the desegregation of the State's public system of higher education. The mediation was deemed to be successful by all the parties, and the Sixth Circuit recently described the *Geier* case as "rare and exceptional" and one of "national significance." 372 F.3d at 796 (2004).

A 1989 Graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School, Mr. González holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Yale Divinity School (1986), and a B.S. in Political Science from The Florida State University (1983). While at Vanderbilt, Mr. González was elected to the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, where he served as an associate editor. He was the 1989 recipient of the faculty-selected Vanderbilt Law Review Note Award for his published article on immigration reform. 41 Vand L. Rev. 1323 (1988). Following law school, Mr. González served as a law clerk to the Honorable Harold L. Murphy of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, an appointment followed by almost two years as an attorney in the Atlanta law firm of Rogers & Hardin.

Among other recognitions, Mr. González is listed in Marquis *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*, and is a charter member of the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters. He is on the Board of Directors of the Network for Instructional TV, and has appeared on the CBS television news magazine *60 Minutes* and been interviewed by CNN and *The New York Times*. He lives in Atlanta with his wife of seventeen years, Marilyn, and their two sons, Matthew and Jordan. Mr. González was born in Havana, Cuba, and immigrated to the United States as an infant. His family settled in Rome, Georgia, where Mr. González spent his formative years.

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