

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Harold Edward “Ed” Patricoff, Jr. is a partner in Shutts & Bowen’s Miami office, where he heads the firm’s International Dispute Resolution Practice Group. In his more than 34 years of experience, Patricoff has successfully handled numerous high-stakes legal disputes in North America, Latin America, Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia for multinational corporations and financial institutions.

North America

- [Represented wife of former Apple CEO](#), in high profile post dissolution proceedings. Litigation involved domestic and international assets of the matrimonial estate.
- Successfully resolved and unblocked funds over \$1B, on behalf of foreign financial institutions and clients adverse to U.S. Government, in Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. In one case, a broker-dealer’s entire trading account was blocked and successfully unblocked within weeks. Also blocked and unblocked hundreds of millions of dollars of assets in Switzerland, Tanzania and Australia.
- Successfully recovered substantial sums and assets from foreign sovereigns, including, but not limited to, Angola, Argentina, Libya, Tanzania, and Iraq.
- [Represented multinational aviation fuel supplier](#) in seminal case under Florida’s fuel lien statute against GE Capital Aviation Services.
- Defended a multinational fuel supplier in connection with claims of theft of trade secrets and unfair competition relating to the acquisition of a competitor company in Washington state involving the offshore sale of marine bunker fuel off the coasts of Russia and Korea.
- Handled in excess of 100 cases concerning prejudgment attachment and seizure of funds, aircraft, helicopters, vessels, fuel, automobiles, inventory, and deposits in financial institutions.
- Successfully defended multi-million-dollar wrongful death and negligence claims by victims of an industrial accident at the Miami-Dade County Resource Recovery facility.
- Represented high-net worth individuals in matrimonial matters in involving both domestic and offshore assets.
- Represented Venezuelan government in a dispute regarding the appointment of a receiver for shopping center in South Florida.
- Represented a power generation supplier in [\\$30 million minority investment transaction](#) by Dubai-based private equity firm.
- Represented a power generation supplier in obtaining an anti-suit injunction prohibiting litigation in Libya and enforcing contractual provision requiring arbitration in Jacksonville, Florida. Litigated sale of power generation contract and facility in Pakistan against an Oklahoma power generation firm.

- Defended a \$200M product liability case against manufacturer of power generation facility in Florida.
- Co-counseled with Hugo Black, Jr. in defending a construction defects case in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
- Defended Insurance Exchange of the Americas Guarantee Fund in connection with insolvency claims by members.
- Provided regulatory advice to major financial institutions relating to marketing of investments products, insurance, and lending practices in Latin America and conducted training seminars for individual private wealth advisors.
- Prosecuted multi-million-dollar action for accounting malpractice and related claims concerning the implementation of certain information technology functions for compliance with public company accounting requirements and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- [Represented aircraft engine repair company in action against airline company](#) for breach of an aircraft engine lease agreement and seized airline company's aircraft to obtain payment of amounts due under the lease agreement.

Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Argentina**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the award of a contract valued at \$60 million to supply 35MW of electricity at multiple sites for 36 months.
 - Represented wealthy Argentine client in successfully unblocking Swiss funds in excess of \$15M.
- **Bahamas**
 - Successfully obtained transfer of hospitality facility license for development of Royal Islands.
- **Brazil**
 - Prosecution of claim for sale of defective motorcycles to Brazilian importer by Chinese manufacturer.
 - Successful prosecution and defense of claims for damages of approximately \$1.7 million relating to client's exclusive right to sell and license hardwood flooring in the United States.
- **Chile**
 - Represented Chilean telecommunications company in various legal matters in the United States.
- **Colombia**
 - Represented four out of top ten largest broker-dealers in defense of claims brought by the U.S. Government.
 - Represented two elders of the Mormon Church in connection with money laundering claims brought by the U.S. Government.

- Obtained a multi-million-dollar ICC arbitration award for a large European power generation firm against a Colombian boiler manufacturer for failure to comply with licensing agreement relating to power plant in Barranquilla.
- Represented prominent Colombian nationals with disputes in both U.S. and Colombia.
- Represented a prominent Colombian publishing company in various legal matters in the United States.
- Represented shareholders of Discos Fuentes, which represented over 2,000 artists and over 60,000 musical compositions in a family dispute over control of company and company's assets.
- **Ecuador**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the award of a contract valued at \$49 million to supply 75MW of electricity for 14 months.
- **Haiti**
 - Successfully defended \$100 million product liability claim for multi-national power generation supplier in connection with a power generation facility located in Haiti.
 - Negotiated with the United Nations to provide power generation facilities in Haiti.
- **Mexico/OFAC**
 - Unblocked assets for prominent families.
- **Nicaragua**
 - Represented airline company in claim against Lloyd's of London and other insurers for the loss of an aircraft in a kidnapping and hijacking incident.
- **Peru**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the [award of a contract valued at \\$45 million](#) to supply 60MW of electricity for 18 months.
- **Venezuela**
 - Represented brokers in litigation in connection with the sale of \$150M of powdered milk by Chinese firm to Government of Venezuela.
 - Represented various Venezuelan individuals in matrimonial matters.
 - Represented a prominent Venezuelan banker in a 28 U.S.C. § 1782 petition to obtain exculpatory evidence in support of defense of criminal proceeding in Venezuela, which [ultimately led to his release from Venezuela and escape to the United States](#).
 - Represented multinational aircraft fuel supplier in collection actions and seizure of assets in Uruguay, Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru, Honduras and Mexico.

Europe

- **Italy**
 - Represented manufacturer of Italian beauty products.
 - Represented a U.S. investor in an Italian wine company.
- **Switzerland**
 - Represented ABB Flakt, Swiss/Swedish environmental company in the defense of an environmental claim by the EPA concerning the co-generation facility in West Miami-Dade County.
 - Represented a Swiss pension fund against principals of partnerships formed to acquire, develop, and maintain certain real property located in Lee County, Florida.
- **UAE**
 - In 2008, shortly after the financial crisis, successfully closed \$64M private equity deal with UAE private equity firm in London.
- **Additional European Countries**
 - Represented multinational fuel companies in Bulgaria, Spain, United Kingdom, Switzerland and France.

Africa

- **Angola**
 - Successfully recovered \$49 million from the Government of Angola on behalf of LS Energia, a power generation supplier for unpaid fees.
 - [Successfully recovered \\$45 million in 30 days](#) from the Government of Angola on behalf of a power generation supplier for unpaid fees.
 - Assisted with bids in Angola, Benin, Sudan, and Egypt.
- **Botswana**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the award of a contract valued at \$36 million to supply 70MW of electricity for 24 months.
- **Burkina Faso**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the award of a contract valued at \$6 million to supply 30MW of electricity for 5.5 months.
- **Ghinea**
 - Assisted with establishment and investment by South Florida investors in diamond mine.
- **Libya**
 - Enforced anti-suit injunction on behalf of power generation supplier that resulted in dismissal of breach of contract and garnishment action in Libya in favor of arbitration in Jacksonville, Florida.

- **Mozambique**
 - Represented power generation supplier in contract negotiations leading to the sale of a 10MW power generation facility valued at \$13.6 million.
- **Senegal**
 - Represented power generation supplier and worked with local counsel in contract negotiations leading to the award of a contract valued at \$63 million to supply 150MW of electricity at multiple sites for 16 months.
- **Tanzania**
 - Successfully handled 8-month dispute with Tanzania utility to free a temporary power station wrongfully seized by the Tanzanian government in a dispute involving \$60 million in damages. The matter was resolved by presenting legislation to the U.S. Congress to block funding of \$690 million to the Government of Tanzania.
- **Yemen**
 - Successfully co-counseled in defense of claim for commissions by Yemeni national.
- **Additional African Countries**
 - Represented power generation company's subsidiaries and assisted with contract negotiations in Botswana, Senegal, Mozambique, Libya, and Burkina Faso.

Asia and the Pacific

- **Australia:**
 - Represented power generation supplier in Texas to prosecute a \$44 million fraudulent conveyance claim and in California to defend a Chapter 15 bankruptcy claim by receivers of bankrupt Australian power generation company.
 - [Represented power generation supplier](#) in an international arbitration/investor state dispute settlement pursuant to Australia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement against Australian government in relation to seizure of power generation facility.
- **Bangladesh**
 - Represented power generation company.
- **Japan**
 - Eight days after the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima power station, successfully negotiated a \$280M contract, which was executed in less than 30 days, and within 90 days of the disaster, the 203 MW temporary power generation facility was completed.
- **Russia:**
 - Represented Russian individual in defending assets in New York with an approximately \$12M real estate portfolio.

- [Represented Russian individual](#) in defense of politically motivated criminal investigation, in defense and prosecution of RICO claims involving the sale of a publicly traded Canadian mining company.

Multinational

- Represented Peruvian family who owned a fishing fleet in connection with the sale of publicly traded stock in Norwegian fishing company in litigation against a Singaporean company owned by Chinese investors.
- Coordinated due diligence for U.S. power generation company in a \$300M acquisition of facilities and subsidiaries in Iraq, Bangladesh, Australia, Canada and U.S. Virgin Islands.