



Mr. Fortich brings over 25 years of experience in the banking and finance industry as Stern's Chief Risk Officer, a position that includes the role of the bank's Chief Compliance Officer and BSA/OFAC Officer. His experience with institutions in South Florida has exposed him to a variety of compliance components with a focus on maintaining satisfactory BSA, AML, Consumer Compliance, and OFAC programs.

His expertise in compliance stems from his work with the State of Florida Office of Financial Regulations where he conducted white collar crime investigations and worked closely with Bank Examiners.

Later, as the Chief Compliance Officer to a publicly traded Bank in South Florida he maintained a strong relationship with Foreign Correspondent Banks throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. He also had the opportunity to evaluate the compliance risk on new business verticals and the expansion of existing products and services.

Mr. Fortich is a graduate from Florida State University where he earned a Juris Master in Banking Compliance. He also attended Nova Southeastern University where he earned his Master of Business Administration. He graduated with Bachelor of Arts in Business from St. Thomas University and an Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Degree from Miami Dade College. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, and is a past Chair of FIBA's AML Committee.