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## Mariano Ariel Corcilli Defends Those in Need

**M**ariano Ariel Corcilli, an associate with the Law Offices of David M. Edelstein, P.A., took an unconventional path to becoming a trial attorney. Before his first day of law school, Corcilli had already served our nation in operations spanning four continents. During his eight years in the United States Marine Corps, Corcilli deployed multiple times with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he participated in operations in Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tunisia, Albania, Bosnia, and Kosovo. His experiences as a peacekeeper in the world's most volatile regions gave him an appreciation for the importance of defending those in need. As a defense attorney, he continues this mission--albeit a little closer to home.

Some of the highlights of Corcilli's Marine Corps service were serving as a Sergeant of Marines in the School of Infantry and as a Platoon Sergeant, where he trained hundreds of reserves. Corcilli believes that his experiences in the Marine Corps give him a unique perspective on his role in the criminal justice system. "While I was overseas, I had the chance to interact with people who didn't have the rights that we enjoy," he said.

Upon being honorably discharged, he went on to earn his Bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Florida, where he served as President of the Collegiate Veterans Society. During law school at American University – Washington College of Law, he participated in the drafting of the new G.I. Bill and counseled U.S. Congressmen on veterans' issues.

Corcilli's first job as a lawyer was serving as an Assistant State Attorney for the State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit. Prior to joining the Law Offices of David M. Edelstein, P.A., he was an associate at Lydecker Diaz, a Miami-based commercial litigation firm, where he was given the opportunity to litigate civil rights and First Amendment cases.

Although his current duties as a criminal defense attorney keep him busy, he remains a passionate advocate of veterans' rights and national security--Corcilli is currently a Fellow at the Truman National Security Project in Washington, D.C., where he counsels political candidates and elected officials on national security and military affairs issues. He remains active on the local level as well as by giving back to his hometown of Miami Beach by serving as a board member for the Mt. Sinai Medical Center Foundation and volunteering in a poverty pro bono law clinic. In addition, Corcilli is a member of the Florida Bar Committee on Military Affairs, the Dade County Bar Association Veterans Committee, and the Miami Beach Bar Association. He also serves as a National Service Officer for the American Legion, is a member of the Marine Corps League and is a life-member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.



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