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*As the first Central American lawyer to be called to the Law Society of Upper Canada, Juan aspired to create a law firm that not only provided a valuable service to the community, but one that also raised funds to support communities in need.*

Through his work in personal injury law, Juan created a firm that is accessible to all people—no matter what culture, religion, gender or language. A concern for justice and the jaded perspective of some insurance companies led Juan to establish Carranza LLP—a firm where all people would feel at home, in all meanings of the word.

People of all cultures deserve representation, and in his practice, Juan goes one step further. He provides personal, down-to-earth, first-name-basis service to every client. His approachability bridges communication, knowledge and cultural gaps.

An experienced litigator, Juan has appeared before several courts and tribunals including the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Ontario

Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Canada, Financial Services Commission of Ontario, CRTC, Immigration Refugee Board, CPP Review Tribunal and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.

In the courtroom, he is able to convey a victim's personal story, because he takes the time and effort to learn and understand it. In fact, he expects everyone at the firm to extend the same friendly, empathetic treatment to clients and each other.

In his quest to open a firm that would help his partners, employees and local and global communities become more productive, Juan created a safe haven for anyone seeking legal advice. He fights passionately to ensure that his clients receive just and fair compensation independent of their socio-economical, cultural, national, and linguistic, gender or religious background.

### languages spoken

Spanish and English

### specialities

Personal Injury Litigation, Brain Injuries, Orthopaedic Injuries, Spinal Cord Injuries, Complex Liability cases, and Long-Term Disability.





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### education

Masters in Business Administration,  
Queen's University (2005)

Admitted to Ontario Bar (1994)

Bachelor of Laws, Osgoode Hall Law  
School (LL.B., 1992)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours,  
York University (B.A., 1989)

### memberships

Ontario Trial Lawyers Association

American Trial Lawyers Association

Ontario Brain Injury Association

Centennial College (Governor)

York University's Stong College (Fellow)

Steering Committee of DiverseCity

Canadian Hispanic Congress

Salvaide

### achievements

Law Society's Lawyers Make History  
Project (2010)

One of the 10 Most Influential Hispanics  
in Canada (2007)

"Somos Capaces" award, Centre for Spanish  
Speaking Peoples (2001)

The Law Society of Upper Canada's award  
for Community Service (2000)

"Que Pasa Aqui?" Producer (1994)

"Central America this Week",  
News Reporter (1991-1992)

### noteworthy cases

#### **Gomez v. Nguyen & Mr. Twister**

The case concerned an 8 year old boy who ran from in front of an ice cream truck towards his house and was hit by a driver going the speed limit of 40 Km/h. A police reconstructionist at the scene had con-

cluded that the accident was "unavoidable due to the actions of the child." The boy sustained multiple fractures and a severe head injury, was in a coma for nine days, and hospitalized for over three months. He has, thankfully, recovered well from his physical injuries, but has frontal lobe impairments and will need lifelong therapy and support.

At trial, the insurance company for the driver of the car adopted the opinion of the police investigator and took the position that the boy was primarily responsible, with some fault attached to the ice cream truck and the parents. Juan Carranza and Moira Gracey argued that the car and the truck were equally negligent. The jury held that the car driver was 50% at fault, the ice cream truck 46%, and the parents 4%. The boy's behaviour was not judged to be outside the actions of a typical young boy in his circumstances. He was awarded over three million dollars in damages.