



**Jose Felix Diaz** was born and raised in Miami-Dade County (FL). Representative Diaz began a lifelong commitment to leadership and public service in high school serving as the President of his Student Council. He was later admitted to the University of Miami where he graduated with honors while serving as the President of Student Government his Senior year. His accomplishments and academics earned him the Florida College Student of the Year award. Representative Diaz was then admitted to Columbia University School of Law where he earned his law degree. He continued his commitment to public service while in law school serving as a Senator in Student Government and representing law students as a member of the American Bar Association's legislative body, achieving several notable distinctions including the ABA's Silver Key.

Upon graduation, he returned to Miami earning admission to the Florida Bar in 2005 and joining the law firm of Akerman LLP. His practice includes litigation, land use and zoning. Representative Diaz served on the ABA House of Delegates, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the CHARLEE Homes for Children, the largest foster care agency in Florida and the Board of Directors of the Cuban American Bar Association.

In November 2010, Representative Diaz was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. In his first few years in the Florida legislature, Representative Diaz has passed significant reforms in child welfare, growth management, and energy policy.