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Mr. Gil-Ensenat is an attorney and recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), a Trustee at the Home Builders Institute (HBI) and part of the Disaster Recovery Task Force at the Bipartisan Policy Council (BPC). A former Director for Alvarez & Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects (ICP) practice in Washington DC. Previously he served as the Puerto Rico Department of Housing Secretary, Chairman of the Board of the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration (Second largest in the USA), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority, Vice Chairman of PREPA and board member for the Puerto Rico Land Administration.

During his tenure in the PRDOH, Fernando was responsible for the compliance, monitoring and management of more than one thousand (1,000) Open Space lots, from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Fernando was able to renegotiate a HMGP Repayment Promissory Note for the New Secure Housing Program, saving the Government of Puerto Rico more than 50 Million dollars. During Hurricanes Irma and Maria (2017) he was responsible for the mass care in 257 shelters of around 15,000 shelterees. Under his direct supervision the biggest FEMA STEP program to this date was achieved, exceeding the program milestones by 30%. Under his direct supervision more than 108,000 homes were temporarily repaired in one (1) year, providing shelter in place for their participants, with a total investment of 1.3 billion dollars. He also oversaw the repair of more than 300 housing projects with 54,000 thousand units that were also under his management. During the Puerto Rico earthquakes in January of 2020, Fernando collaborate in the coordination and operation of 8 outdoors super congregate shelters with more than 8,000 displaced individuals.

Fernando managed the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program with the highest historical allocation for any US jurisdiction. Formulating and implementing the required Action Plans for 20 billion dollars allocated to Puerto Rico, with more than 25 programs in the areas of Housing, Infrastructure, Planning and Economic Development. During these times he also collaborate in the conceptualization and development in the new PREPA grid modernization plan, participating in the implementation of PREPA procurement and compliance reforms.

Fernando has Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus and a Juris Doctor from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Afterwards, he attended the American University Washington College of Law, in Washington D.C, where he earned a Master's Degree in International Business Law. He is admitted to practice law in Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the US District Court of Puerto Rico.