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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution
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Litigation - Land Use,
Environmental & Property Rights
Hospitality & Leisure
Land Development, Zoning &
Environmental
Appellate
Creditors' Rights

OVERVIEW

Mark is a Shareholder in the Litigation Department. He has served on the Firm's Board of Directors, as well as the Firm's Client Relations Committee and Business Intake Committee. Mark represents U.S. and international clients in trial and appellate courts, both state and federal, arbitrations and administrative forums. His practice focuses on complex commercial matters, which include contract and business tort claims that pertain to a wide range of disputes involving creditor's rights, secured transactions, lender liability, shareholders, partnerships and limited liability companies, real property, including claims related to lien priority, adverse possession, restrictive covenants, easement rights, property rights and land use, deficiency valuation proceedings, tax assessment challenges, and landlord/tenant relations.

Mark has been named one of South Florida's top litigators being selected as a Florida Litigation Star in *Benchmark Litigation* and recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and the *South Florida Legal Guide*. He has lectured at various Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminars on topics, including contract remedies and other litigation related issues.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mark served as a Judicial Clerk for The Honorable Thomas E. Scott, United States District Court - Southern District of Florida, and as a Judicial Intern for both The Honorable C. Clyde Atkins, Senior Judge United States District Court - Southern District of Florida, and The Honorable Mario Goderich, Eleventh Circuit, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Successfully defended statewide-property management company resulting in the plaintiff's pre-trial voluntary dismissal of a class action lawsuit in which plaintiff had alleged the management company violated state law by overcharging certain "move-in" fees associated with her rental of a condominium unit.

Represented Metromall Partners, LTD ("Metromall") in the \$14.5 million sale of the Metromall Building in the heart of downtown Miami's jewelry district. The sale included the assignment of a 99-year ground lease executed in 1945.

Successfully obtained \$2.2 million final judgment on behalf of an aircraft charter company in breach of contract action by successfully arguing on summary judgment that liquidation clause was valid and enforceable.

Obtained judgment in federal court trial for excess completion cost damages, attorneys' fees and costs, on behalf of municipality against surety arising from surety's breach of performance bond involving two components of \$120 million public works project.

Obtained \$10.5 million judgment on behalf of international clients arising from counter-party's failure to pay for aircraft, flight crews and maintenance personnel relating to non-military air transportation services to Afghanistan.

Prosecuted specific performance claim in both state court and bankruptcy court adversary proceedings relating to client's contract with tenants-in-common owners for purchase of office building resulting in settlement between Chapter 11 trustee and contract vendee.

Obtained dismissal of commercial property's owner's claim to establish permanent easement over developer's \$70 million multifamily construction project.

Obtained affirmance of \$18 million summary judgment in favor of a consortium of lenders on breach of contract claims and against borrower and guarantors on their lender liability counterclaims involving fraud and breach of fiduciary.

Obtained affirmance by Pennsylvania appeals court of summary judgment entered in favor of property owner sued by adjacent shopping owner claiming it was denied a right of first refusal to purchase client's property.

Obtained affirmance of summary judgment entered in favor of bank against a claim by a competing creditor asserting it had a priority security interest in over \$6 million of motor vehicles pledged as collateral.

Successfully defended bank against a class action claim alleging that the bank had engaged in fraud by failing to disclose all terms of an automotive financing transaction.

Obtained reversal of Historic Preservation Board's denial of special permit relating to construction of luxury beach-front property located in historic district in Miami Beach.

Obtained multimillion dollar judgment on behalf of European investor in connection with financing transaction relating to production of new vodka brand.

Successfully defended Venezuelan company against multimillion dollar claims alleged for unauthorized audio recording in violation of Florida law.

Represented international property owner in obtaining favorable settlements involving contract and negligence claims.

Obtained \$90 million judgment against borrower and guarantor involving contemplated mixed-use development in North Florida.

Obtained appellate reversal of a multimillion dollar judgment entered against a seller of furniture in connection with a European sales transaction.

Obtained affirmance by federal appeals court of jury's defense verdict in a case in which a German company sued a leading office furnishings manufacturer for breach of contract and sought to recover \$17 million in damages.

Obtained judgment on behalf of airline carrier in contract dispute and successfully defended against counterclaim.

Prosecuted breach of contract claims on behalf of multiple foreign owners of luxury homes in Bahamas against manufacturers of custom hurricane-proof windows resulting in favorable settlement.

Represented lenders in post-judgment deficiency valuation proceedings in circuit court and property owners in tax assessment administrative proceedings.

Prosecuted claims and obtained damages award against commercial property owner for breach of lease in arbitration proceeding.

Represented developers before the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Administration Commission, and demonstrated that the Broward County's public school concurrency amendment to its comprehensive plan was illegal.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

11th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee 11 "B", Vice Chair, 2018; Chair, 2019

American Bar Association, Litigation Section

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Metropolitan Dade County Chamber of Commerce

Miami High School Magnet Program, Mentor

Dade County Bar Association Mentor Program, Mentor

Put Something Back Pro Bono Program

Legal Services of Greater Miami Pro Bono Program

Dade County Pro Bono Small Claims Clinic, Volunteer

RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America®, 2013-Present

Benchmark Litigation, *Litigation Star*, 2015-2022, 2024-Present

South Florida Legal Guide, *Top Lawyers in South Florida - Litigation*, 2006-2016

AV Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Ad Valorem Tax News Update, Land Development News Update, Publications: [Should You Challenge Your Property Tax Assessment?](#)

Stearns Weaver Miller News Update | August 2017

NEWSROOM

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Receives Top Ranking in Benchmark Litigation 2018](#)

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| October 2016

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2016](#)

| January 2016

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized in Benchmark Litigation 2016](#)

| October 2015

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2015](#)

| January 2015

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Receives Top Rankings in Benchmark Litigation 2015](#)

| December 2014

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2014](#)

| January 2014

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1985

InterAmerican Law Review, Articles and Comments Editor

Moot Court, Board

B.A., Florida State University, 1977

ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit