

Harry A. Payton

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FLORIDA BAR BOARD CERTIFIED IN BUSINESS LITIGATION AND CIVIL TRIAL

Harry A. Payton represents domestic and international corporations and high net worth individuals in complex business litigation involving commercial real estate, commercial foreclosures and lender liability; litigation involving fine art; corporate, shareholder and partnership disputes; probate, will and trust litigation; as well as intra-family business disputes. He is one of 88 attorneys in the state of Florida with dual board certification in Civil Trial and Business Litigation.

Payton is recognized for his high standards of professionalism. In 2012, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida's Committee on Professionalism for the 11th Judicial Circuit, and chairs the mentoring program subcommittee. He serves on The Florida Bar Standard Jury Instructions (SJI) Committee - Contract and Business Cases. He previously served on The Florida Bar's Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee and The Florida Bar's Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee. Harry has received Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer review rating, "AV Preeminent 5 out of 5," since 1983.

Payton's legal skills and experience have earned him inclusion in the South Florida Legal Guide's list of Top Lawyers in Complex Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Litigation since 2005, and recognition from Florida Super Lawyers since 2005. He is included in the 2018 - 2021 editions of The Best Lawyers in America© for Real Estate Litigation.

Harry has deep experience in international business matters. His membership in international organizations expands the firm's capabilities to render professional legal services to clients throughout the world. He is a member IR Global, an association of over 750 professionals in the areas of law, accounting and finance. And he is president of the Miami chapter of the International Network of Boutique and Independent Law Firms (INBLF), a network of highly credentialed attorneys from boutique law firms across the U.S. and Canada, as well as full-service international firms that understand the issues, laws, and business cultures in countries throughout the world.

Areas of Practice

- Complex Commercial and Business Litigation

Certified Legal Specialties

- Board Certified Civil Trial, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education
- Board Certified Business Litigation, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit

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Education

- **Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia**
 - LL.B.
- **Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida**
 - B.S.
 - Honors: *cum laude*

Published Works

- **The Art of Deal Making: Using External Expertise Effectively, Dec 2020, IR Global and the ACC**
- **A Financial Advisor's Duties Dealing With GDPR, WealthManagement.com, November 2018**
- **International Asset Sequestration: Achieving Effective Judgment Awards, IR Global Virtual Round Table Series, Private Client Working Group, April 2018**
- **International Asset Protection Planning: The Debtor's Dilemma - Planning For and Protecting Against Future Judgments, IR Global Private Client Working Group, International Asset Protection Planning | Round Table Series, January 2017**
- **A Guide to Partnering with Outside Litigation Counsel, American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Newsletter, 2013**

Classes/Seminars

- **Guest Lecturer: Anatomy of a Cyber Crime, Dade County Bar Association, June 16, 2021**
- **Discussion Leader: The impact of General Data Protection Regulations adopted in the European Union on U.S. litigation in federal court; INBLF and IR Global conferences in Rome and London, October 2018, IR Global**
- **International Asset Protection Planning I Round Table Series, December 2016 Private Client Working Group**
- **Program Leader and Panelist: 2011 Florida Distressed Real Estate "When Workouts Don't Work Out: Litigation, Receivers, Lender Liability and More," and "Workouts & Recapitalization." Sponsored by GreenPearl Events, Miami, Florida, 01/27/2011**
- **Speaker: Annual Conference of the Council on Litigation Management, "Managing Litigation Reference Model," Ponte Vedra, Florida, 03/24/2010 to 03/26/2010**

Honors and Awards

- **Recognized in 2018 - 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America© for Litigation-Real Estate**
- **Recognized for earning and maintaining Florida Bar board certification status in civil trial for 30 years**
- **Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent, since 1983**
- **Selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers®, since 2005**
- **Selected for inclusion in South Florida Legal Guide, Best Litigators: Corporate & Business, since 2005**
- **National Guard, Honorable Discharge**

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Professional Associations and Memberships

- The Florida Bar, Member
- Dade County Bar Association, Member
- Florida Supreme Court Standard Jury Instructions Committee (Contracts and Business), Member, 2018 to Present
- ABA Section of International Law, Art & Cultural Heritage Law Committee, Member, 2014 to Present
- ABA Forum Committee on Entertainment and Sports Industries, Arts & Museums, Member, 2014 to Present
- The Florida Bar Business Law Section, 2014 to Present
- The Florida Bar Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section, 2014 to Present
- IR Global, Commercial Litigation, "Private Client" Committee, 2013 to Present
- International Network of Boutique and Independent Law Firms (INBLF), President, Miami Chapter, 2012 to Present
- Professionalism Committee for the 11th Circuit, Chair, Mentoring Subcommittee, 2012 to Present
- The Florida Bar, Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, July 2011-2016; Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee, 2008-2011
- The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education: Chair 2005-2006
- American Bar Association: Subcommittee on Billing and Budgeting, Corporate Counsel Committee, Section of Litigation, 1994 to Present