



Joshua Spector

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Joshua Spector is a partner at PBY&A. He is a Florida Bar board-certified business litigation lawyer. His practice is focused on commercial litigation and appeals, with a concentration on trade secret, noncompete and restrictive covenant cases. Mr. Spector is a fellow of the Florida Bar Leadership Academy, and was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court's Standard Jury Instructions Committee for Business and Contract Cases. Along with his partner, Paul Turner, Mr. Spector is an author of Florida's definitive legal manual on affirmative defenses.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Appellate Practice

Attorneys' Fees Disputes and Opinions

Business / Commercial Litigation

Corporate Officer Liability

First Amendment / Defamation, Slander and Libel

Intellectual Property Litigation / Trademark & Copyright

Intra-business Disputes and Dissolution / Wind-up /

Receivership

Restrictive Covenants, Non-compete litigation

Shareholder Derivative Claims

Trade Secret and Unfair Competition Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, J.D. magna cum laude (2002)

Brown University, A.B. (1996)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

University of Miami Law Alumni Association, President-Elect, 2015

Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions - Contract and Business Cases, appointed 2011

University of Miami Alumni Association, former Director, Board of Directors

University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association, President-Elect, VP, and Board of Directors

Dade County Bar Association, former Director, Board of Directors for Young Lawyers Section

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, "Ten Points on Defense: Best Practices in Affirmative Defenses", Daily Business Review's Corporate Counsel Summit, May 2015

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

Pleading and Proving Affirmative Defenses (Florida CLE)

Ten Points on Defense (Florida CLE)

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

Florida Affirmative Defenses and Procedural Objections (ALM 2015)

“Hate Speech on the Internet: Spreading Angst or Promoting Free Expression” *10 U. Miami Int’l & Comp. L. Rev.* 155, Fall 2002

Comment: “The Cuba Triangle: Sovereign Immunity, Private Diplomacy and State (In)Action”, *32 U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev.* 321, Summer 2001

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented sitting head of state in prosecution of a defamation lawsuit

Obtained \$48,000,000 judgment in federal case involving interstate Ponzi scheme

Prevailed in oral argument and appeal before the Florida Supreme Court in a case involving criminal defendant’s right to seek lesser included offense jury instructions

Prevailed in federal jury trial involving misappropriation of trade secrets and violation of non-compete agreement for international software development firm, including award of punitive damages

Prevailed in appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, affirming entry of judgment for television production company in federal breach of contract claim

Secured permanent injunction and judgment in federal case for Internet merchant involving misappropriation of software and intellectual property, fraudulent registration of trademark

Represented clients in the Florida Supreme Court and Florida’s Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth District Courts of Appeal

REPORTED CASES

Vivid Entm’t, LLC v. J & B PB, LLC, No. 2:13-CV-524-FTM-29DN, 2015 WL 144352 (M.D. Fla. Jan. 12, 2015)

Five for Entm’t S.A. v. Rodriguez, 877 F. Supp. 2d 1321 (S.D. Fla. 2012)

22nd Century Properties, LLC v. FPH Properties, LLC, No. 4D13-3537, 2015 WL 1448446 (Fla. 4th DCA Apr. 1, 2015) (not as counsel; regarding expert opinion on attorneys’ fees)

HONORS

Rated, AV Preeminent 5.0 by Martindale-Hubbell

Florida Bar Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer

Super Lawyers®, 2015

Super Lawyers®, Florida Rising Star, 2009 - 2014

DBR Rising Stars, 2014

Attorney At Law Magazine’s Attorneys to Watch In 2014

HONORS (cont.)

South Florida Legal Guide, Top Up and Comer – Business Litigation, 2015
Florida Bar Leadership Academy Fellow, 2013
Florida Trend's Legal Elite, Commercial Litigation, 2014 - 2016
Florida Trend's Legal Elite, Up & Coming Attorney, 2009, 2013
John Edward Smith Child Advocacy Award, Lawyers for Children America
Top 40 Lawyers Under 40, Miami-Dade County, 2009
Dade County Bar Association – Put Something Back Pro Bono Award, 2008
Order of the Coif
University of Miami Inter-American Law Review, Editor
University of Miami Vice President's Award for Service, 2002
Iron Arrow
AVVO Superb Rating of 10.0, 2011 - 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Judicial Circuit

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Lawyers for Children America, Attorney Ad Litem
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Board of Directors