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Areas of Practice

Commercial, Securities and Real Estate Litigation

Experience

The firm is lead by founder Jim Beasley, who has nearly 40 years of experience in litigation. Jim began his practice on Wall Street with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP. Jim is routinely recognized as among the best litigation lawyers in the State of Florida, and he is among a small and elite group of lawyers who have been peer-selected as the “Best Lawyers in America” every year since 1983, when the edition was first published to recognize the top-tier litigators throughout the country. Jim is also the subject of a chapter in the recent book “The Money Lawyers” by Joseph C. Goulden.

Jim has tried cases and argued appeals in state and federal courts throughout Florida, and in federal courts in many other states, producing more than fifty reported decisions.

Jim’s litigation experience is enhanced by his substantial experience in business transactions. Early in his career, in addition to litigation, Jim represented clients in public and private offerings of securities, compliance by public companies with SEC reporting requirements, mergers and acquisitions, financings, and other transactions. Jim served as general counsel to one of the premier real estate development companies in Florida and numerous other public companies.

Jim is a leader in the community, and has dedicated his time to many community and charitable organizations in Miami and Palm Beach County.

Awards & Recognition

- “Best Lawyers in America,” 1983 - Present
- “Who’s Who in America,” 1994 - Present
- “Who’s Who in American Law,” 1994 – Present
- “AV” rated by Martindale-Hubbell, highest rating for ethical standards and legal ability.
- Named among the “Florida Super Lawyers” by Florida Super Lawyers magazine from 2006

through 2009, and named in the 2008 and 2009 Florida Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition.

- Named one of the Florida “Legal Elite” by Florida Trend magazine for 2007 through 2009.
- Listed by The American Lawyer as one of the Top Commercial Litigators, 2006.

Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, LL.B, cum laude, 1968

Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, A.B., history, cum laude, 1965

Bar and Court Admissions

State of Florida, 1972

State of New York, 1969

District of Columbia, 1971

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1972

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th, 5th, 9th, and D.C Circuits

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court, 1973

Published Works

“10...9...8...RUPA’s Retroactive Liftoff”, Florida Bar Journal, December, 1997

“Statute of Limitations Under Rule 10b-5”, 21 Securities and Commodities Regulation 197, November, 1988

“Statute of Limitations for Implied Actions”, 41 The Business Lawyer 645, February, 1986

“Exempt Transactions and Federal Requirements”, Florida Corporations (Matthew Bender), 1985

“Regulation D - The SEC’s New Private Offering Rules”, Florida Bar Journal, November, 1982

“Federal and State Regulation of Political Contributions”, Florida Bar Journal, April, 1980

“Intrastate Exemption”, Florida and Federal Securities Regulation, The Florida Bar, Second Edition, 1979

Professional Associations and Membership

The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, 1975 – 1977; Chairman, Securities Regulation Committee