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For more than 50 years—including 40 years of being Florida Bar Board Certified in civil trial law—Steven has devoted his practice primarily to business and construction litigation and dispute resolution. He has extensive experience in trial work, arbitration and civil mediation, and administrative and appellate proceedings, and he is currently a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Civil Mediator in both Florida state courts and federal courts. Steven is qualified to accept Florida Circuit Court appointments as a binding arbitrator or trial resolution judge and has served in complex non-jury litigation matters.

Steven has vast experience in various substantive areas, including:

- Business/commercial disputes, including those in real estate and construction
- Probate and trust disputes
- Products liability and medical malpractice
- Representing national corporations, institutional lenders, governmental bodies, commercial developers, municipalities, insurance companies, and sureties among various business entities and individuals
- Authoring "Attorneys' Fees in Real Property Litigation," Florida Real Property Litigation for The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education

- Serving as a mentor to younger lawyers and as an adjunct lecturer at the University of South Florida, where he taught business law and lectured at various seminars

Steven enjoys spending time with his wife of 52 years and his grandchildren, playing golf, traveling, and reading.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1976

United States Supreme Court

All Florida State Courts

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Sarasota County Bar Association
- Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court, Honorary Member

HONORS

- AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America, 2019-2026
- Florida Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2008-2026
- *SRQ Magazine*: Elite Top Attorneys Legacy Honoree, Commercial Litigation, 2022; Arbitration and Mediation, 2020-2025
- Florida Legal Elite by *Florida Trend* magazine, 2012-2013, 2016-2025

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health Care
Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction & Development
Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality

PRIMARY LOCATION

Sarasota, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., Emory University, 1975

B.A., *summa cum laude*, State University of New York at Albany, 1973

CERTIFICATIONS

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Civil Mediator

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