

## Michael D. Bressan

PARTNER



Michael is a member of a team of lawyers who represent large financial institutions and high-net-worth individuals in securities litigation and violations of contractual covenants. His practice primarily focuses on securities law, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, corporate change in control issues, commercial litigation, and arbitration.

Clients draw on Michael's significant experience with regard to:

- Brokerage industry transitions, promissory notes, and deferred compensation disputes
- Litigation involving vesting of Merrill Lynch's Financial Advisor Capital Accumulation Award Plans (FACAAP), Growth Award, Wealthbuilder, and Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan for Managers and Producers (LTICP) plans
- Negotiating financial advisor contracts with top firms
- Representing financial advisors in numerous regulatory matters before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Form U-4 and U-5 issues, defending against garden leave provisions across the country, and establishing independent Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) offices

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

### SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes

### INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &  
Insurance  
Financial Services

### PRIMARY LOCATION

Sarasota, FL

### EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, University  
of Florida, 2004

M.D.R, Dispute Resolution,  
Pepperdine University, 2004

Florida, 2004

United States District Court, Northern District, Florida, 2009

United States District Court, Southern District, Florida, 2008

United States District Court, Middle District, Florida, 2005

B.S., with honors, Gannon  
University, 2001

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Sarasota County Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Advisory Committee

## HONORS

- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018