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Mark Raymond has been involved in high-stakes complex commercial litigation for more than 30 years. His practice has included advising the boards of directors and general counsel of many prominent companies. He has litigated numerous high-profile cases throughout his career. Mr. Raymond focuses his practice in resolving complex matters and aggressively litigating them if necessary. He is experienced in complex commercial litigation in both state and federal courts, and arbitrations before FINRA, ICDR, and AAA. His practice includes defending class actions.

Experience

Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended EU based multi-national company against claims that it was liable for \$520 million in damages resulting from allegedly failed audits of a Florida-based factoring company; the audits were performed by the U.S. member firm of the BDO International Network and after a three-week trial the jury took less than one hour to reach its verdict for his client
- Obtained a directed verdict for a defendant in a high profile accounting malpractice suit after a five-week trial; he successfully argued that the case against his client should be dismissed in its entirety, and the court agreed
- Regularly represents trustees or beneficiaries of trusts in all aspects of probate litigation in state courts in Florida
- In a case against Raytheon Corporation which was seeking \$18 million from Mr. Raymond's client, developed and

Education

University of Miami School of Law, JD
(1983)

Babson College, BS, Business
Administration (1980)

Admissions

Florida

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

Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Directors & Officers Liability Coverage](#)

[E-Discovery & Information Governance](#)

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[Professional Liability](#)

[Trusts & Estates](#)

executed a strategy that was a reversal of fortune for Raytheon Corporation and a victory for his client, where the client, instead of having to pay \$18 million to Raytheon, recovered \$8.8 million

- Practice also includes federal court litigation, defending corporations, as well as representing receivers appointed by the courts and agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Trade Commission, CFTC, and the Florida Attorney General's Office
- As lead attorney for the plaintiff, a Fortune 100 company, against an industrial contractor for breach of contract, obtained a \$50 million settlement for the client
- Represented the FTC receiver of a company in a diet products fraud case, and obtained a trial judgment of \$8.5 million for the benefit of fraud victims
- Representation of investors has resulted in tens of millions of dollars of judgment settlements and arbitration awards in favor of his clients
- Is highly regarded in the legal community for his ability to assist clients in addressing and extricating themselves from difficult and potentially costly situations, often without litigation

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#) — Corporate Law, Litigation — Mergers & Acquisitions, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Litigation — Banking and Finance, Litigation — Real Estate, and Litigation — Securities (2007-2018, 2020), Public Finance Law (2020)
- [AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell](#)
- [Florida Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine](#) (2006-2019)
- [Best Lawyers](#) Miami Litigation – Mergers and Acquisition Lawyer of the Year (2017, 2019)
- Professional Excellence “Distinguished Leaders in Law” Award by the Daily Business Review (2017)
- Power Leaders in Law & Accounting by the South Florida Business Journal (2014-2017)

- [Chambers USA: A Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers](#) – Litigation (2010-2019)
- [Florida Legal Elite](#) by [Florida Trend](#) magazine for Commercial Litigation (2007-2015)
- [Best Lawyers](#) Miami Litigation – Banking & Finance “Lawyer of the Year” (2014)
- Top 100 Miami Florida Super Lawyer by [Law & Politics](#) magazine (2012-2013)
- South Florida Power Player by [Business Leader](#) magazine (2009)
- Most Effective Lawyer in Complex/Business Litigation by the [Daily Business Review](#) (2007, 2009)
- [Top Lawyer](#) by the [South Florida Legal Guide](#) in Securities Litigation and Complex Commercial Litigation (2006-2017)

Professional Activities

- Member, The Florida Bar
 - Business Law Section
 - Trial Lawyers Section
 - Securities Law Section
- Member, Business Law Section, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association
 - Business Law Section
 - Section of Litigation
- Member and Board of Directors, County Bar Association
 - Securities Litigation Committee

Articles & Speeches

Insights

[Bracing for Helms-Burton Impact — What to Keep in Mind if Doing Business in Cuba](#), *Bloomberg Law* - Co-Author (August 22, 2019)

Events/Speaking Engagements

[AJC 2019 Judge Learned Hand Awards Dinner](#) - Speaker (May 14, 2019)

Alerts

[Helms-Burton Comes to Life](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (July 18, 2019)