

# Scott D. Knapp

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Scott D. Knapp has a broad background in complex business and civil litigation. In handling disputes from the pre-suit stage all the way through verdict or settlement, Scott employs a tactical and entrepreneurial approach toward litigation. He has experience representing clients in matters involving breach of contract, enforcement of restrictive covenants, class actions, consumer protection, unfair and deceptive trade practices, upstream entity and corporate liability defense, partnership disputes, professional liability and other business torts, as well as bankruptcy-related litigation.

## 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.

### Experience

- Litigated cases involving medical and professional malpractice, products liability, mass tort, catastrophic injury, bad faith, and insurance disputes.
- Scott's products liability experience includes defending manufacturers, distributors, and other industry professionals in cases involving alleged defective design and manufacturing of medical devices and equipment, dietary supplements and pharmaceuticals, elevators, claims of food contamination. Scott also has handled myriad claims involving allegations of deceptive labeling of products and inadequate warnings.
- Represented several leading financial institutions in a variety of actions, including in national and regional class action claims and multi-district litigation, as well as lender

## Education

University of Miami School of Law, JD, cum laude (2005)

Florida State University, BS, magna cum laude (2002)

## Admissions

Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida

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](#)

[Multi-Claim & Class Action Litigation](#)

[Professional Liability](#)

liability actions and loan servicing litigation throughout the State of Florida.

- Mr. Knapp also has a background in sports law. Throughout law school he worked with the executive management for the Miami Heat of the National Basketball Association. Since, he has represented clients in several matters in the sports industry, including representation of a disability insurance carrier in a multimillion-dollar claim brought by a professional franchise.

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## Representative Matters

- Settled two related high-exposure putative class action product liability matters concerning energy drinks with hundreds of millions of dollars demanded for only \$5.00 to each of the three individual plaintiffs after the court denied class certification.
- Secured dismissal of a high-profile claim against a Fortune 500 company claiming to have conspired with local healthcare providers to violate the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.
- Successfully defended a regional telecommunications company from an action involving an eight-figure demand for compensatory and punitive damages resulting from alleged fraud and underpayment of commissions to an independent contractor.
- Appeared as second chair defense counsel in a jury trial involving claims of medical negligence, fraud, and violations of FDA regulations. In this capacity, argued multiple evidentiary issues and successfully defended the client against punitive damage allegations.
- Obtained multiple defense verdicts and arbitration awards following trials involving claims of elder abuse and nursing home negligence.
- Achieved a favorable seven-figure settlement for a specialty care pharmacy relating to disputed claims for reimbursement.

## 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.

[Products Liability - Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

[Consumer Financial Services](#)

[Consumer Product Safety, Risk Prevention & Regulatory Compliance](#)

[Bankruptcy & Insolvency Related Litigation](#)

[Sports](#)

- 40 under 40 Class of 2019 by the South Florida Business Journal (2019)
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida's Legal Elite by Florida Trend Magazine (2014-2016, 2018)
- Top Up and Comer by South Florida Legal Guide (2017-2019)
- Super Lawyers Rising Star (2010-2019)
- Rising Star by the Daily Business Review (2016)
- The Cystic Fibrosis Foundations 40 Under 40 (2016)
- Sigmund Steinberg Award for Alumni Service from Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) (2016)
- Finalist in Up & Comer Awards as the top attorney under 40 in Broward County by South Florida Business and Wealth (2015-2016)
- Paul May Professionalism Award from the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association (2015)
- Florida Legal Elite Up & Comer by Florida Trend magazine (2007-2010, 2012)

## Professional Activities

- Past Chairman, The Florida Bar
  - Seventeenth Circuit Grievance Committee
- Supreme Scribe, Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Executive Board of Directors, B'nai B'rith International
- Past Co-Chair, Broward County Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section
- Past President, B'nai B'rith Justice Unit (Broward County's Jewish Bar Association)