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FLORIDA BAR BOARD CERTIFIED IN BUSINESS LITIGATION AND CIVIL TRIAL

Harry Payton is one of 88 lawyers in the state of Florida with dual board certification in civil trial and business litigation. Harry represents domestic and international corporations and high net worth individuals in complex business litigation matters involving commercial real estate, commercial foreclosures and lender liability; litigation involving fine art; corporate, shareholder and partnership disputes; probate, will and trust litigation; intra-family business disputes; and professional malpractice cases for plaintiff and defendant involving attorneys, accountants, architects and engineers.

In 2012, Harry was appointed to the Professionalism Committee for the 11th Judicial Circuit, and chairs the mentoring program subcommittee. He is a member of the Florida Bar Section of Business Law; and the Florida Bar Section of Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law. He is currently serving a second term on The Florida Bar Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, and formerly chaired The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education and the Business Litigation Certification Committee.

Certified Legal Specialties

- Board Certified Civil Trial, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education (1983-present)
- Board Certified Business Litigation, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education (1997-present)

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia, LL.B.
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, B.S., Bus. Admin., *cum laude*

Published Works

- [A Guide to Partnering with Outside Litigation Counsel](#), ABA Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Newsletter, 2013
- "Task-Based Billing -- Overcoming Fear," Florida Bar Journal, January, 1998
- "Task-Based Billing -- Management Control Over the Litigation Process In House and Outside," Corporate Counsel Newsletter, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, Vol. 43, August, 1995

Classes/Seminars

- Program Leader and Panelist: 2011 Florida Distressed Real Estate "When Workouts Don't Work Out: Litigation, Receivers, Lender Liability and More," and "Workouts & Recapitalization." Sponsored by GreenPearl Events, Miami, FL, January, 2011
- Speaker: Annual Conference of the Council on Litigation Management, "Managing Litigation Reference Model," Ponte Vedra, Florida, March 2010
- Moderator: "The Rise and Fall and Future of Special Billing Arrangements Including Task Based Billing," American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Committee, February 19, 2005
- Panelist: "Advice from the Experts: Successful Strategies for Winning Commercial Cases in Federal Courts," Florida Bar Business Law Section Seminar, Miami, September 27, 2002

Honors and Awards

- 2017 Legal Luminaries Finalist, Commercial Litigation, Dade County Bar Association
- Recognized for earning and maintaining Florida Bar board certification status in civil trial for 30 years
- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent, 1983 - present
- Selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers®, 2006 - present
- Selected for inclusion in South Florida Legal Guide, Best Litigators: Corporate & Business, 2005 - present
- National Guard, Honorable Discharge

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Professionalism Committee for the 11th Judicial Circuit, 2012 – Present; Chair, Mentoring Committee
- The Florida Bar, Member: Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, July 2011-2016; Member, Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee, 2008-2011; Member, Grievance Committee, 1976-1979
- The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education: Member 2002-2008, Vice Chair, 2004-2005, Chair 2005-2006
- BLSE Standards Committee: Member 2002-2005; BLSE Executive Committee: Member 2004-2007, Vice Chair 2004-2005, Chair 2005-2006; BLSE Communications Committee: Member 2006-2008, Chair 2007-2008
- Business Litigation Certification Committee: Member 1997-2002, Vice Chair 1999-2000, Chair 2000-2001
- American Bar Association: Subcommittee on Billing and Budgeting, Corporate Counsel Committee, Section of Litigation: Vice Chair 1994-1997, Co-Chair 1998-2004
- ABA Section of International Law, Art & Cultural Heritage Law Committee, Member, 2014 - Present; ABA Forum Committee on Entertainment and Sports Industries, Arts & Museums, Member, 2014 - Present
- International Network of Boutique & Independent Law Firms (INBLF), 2012 - Present; President, Miami Chapter, 2016 - present
- International Referral, 2013 – Present; Thought Leader, Private Client Arena for High Net Worth Individuals