

# Steven Kass, Esq.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### **Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law,**

**Berger Family Fellow & Director, Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic**, January 2018 - Present  
The Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic is an in-house, live-client clinic that provides pro-bono corporate, transactional, and intellectual property law services to entrepreneurs, start-up companies, and non-profit corporations. As Clinic Director, I am responsible for all aspects of the Clinic's operation, including classroom teaching of relevant areas of substantive law, supervising and mentoring law student interns, oversight over client matters, and community outreach. The Clinic also serves as a Service Provider to the Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward County Center of Innovation and its members.

### **Carlton Fields, P.A., Miami, FL**

**Shareholder & Treasurer**, January 2014 – December 2021

Until my retirement from private practice at the end of 2021, I primarily represented insurance companies and other financial services industry participants in transactional matters and counseled on compliance and regulatory issues spanning the gamut from cutting-edge to routine. I also participated in complex federal litigation, bringing extensive product, business operations, and industry knowledge to litigation teams defending claims involving insurance products, practices, and coverage.

### **Jorden Burt LLP, Miami, FL**

**Partner & Chief Financial Officer**, January 1988 - December 2013

Over the course of 25 years, my practice evolved from a wide-ranging corporate and securities law practice to a primary focus on insurance industry matters, including regulation of insurance products, regulatory counseling and enforcement, and providing substantive support to class action defense teams on cases involving insurance products, operations, pricing, and market conduct. Between 2003 and 2010, I also served as the Firm's Administrative Partner.

### **Finley, Kumble et. al, Miami, FL**

**Associate Attorney**, February 1984 - December 1987

Corporate, securities, SEC registered insurance products, and insurance regulatory.

### **Jorden, Melrose & Schuette, Miami, FL**

**Associate Attorney**, August 1983 - February 1984 (at which time, a large portion of the Firm joined Finley Kumble)  
Real estate, corporate, securities, and SEC registered insurance products.

### **Lechmere Sales, Cambridge, MA**

**Internal Auditor, Planning Analyst, and Division Controller**, July 1976 - July 1979

Held three financial management positions of increasing responsibility for an operating subsidiary of Dayton Hudson Corp. Lechmere Sales' operations included a retail department store chain and a consumer electronics wholesale distributorship.

### **Caplan Morrison Brown & Company (now Morrison Brown Argiz & Farra, CPAs), Miami, FL**

**Staff Accountant**, September 1974 - October 1975; August 1979 - August 1980 (part-time while in MBA program)

Accounting, auditing, and tax services. Testified in a federal case, reported at 401 F. Supp. 1008 (S.D. Fla. 1975).

## EDUCATION:

### **University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL**

**Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude**, May 1983 | Class Rank – 7 of 286

- Law Review; Dean's List; Multiple CALI Book Awards.
- Research Assistant to Professor John T. Gaubatz.
- Casenote, *Tufts v. Commissioner: Reopening the Pandora's Box of Crane's Footnote 37*, 36 U. Miami L. Rev. 352 (1982).
- Co-author, Case Comment, *Jean v. Nelson: A Stark Pattern of Discrimination*, 36 U. Miami L. Rev 1005 (1983).
- ABA Client Counseling Competition: First place – University of Miami; Finalist – Southeast United States Region.
- Advisor and judge for Freshman Moot Court.
- Society of Wig and Robe.

**University of Miami Graduate School of Business Administration, Miami, FL**

*Master of Business Administration, May 1980*

- GPA 4.0

**University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Philadelphia, PA**

*Bachelor of Science in Economics, May 1974*

- Double major in Finance and Insurance; additional concentration in Accounting.

**OTHER:**

Member of The Florida Bar (admitted 1983).

Admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

AV Rated (Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell.

Former Certified Public Accountant, State of Florida (admitted 1975; no longer licensed to practice).

Jewish Federation of Broward County, Past Member of the Board of Directors.

Beth Ahm Israel synagogue, Cooper City, FL, Past President.

B'nai Aviv synagogue, Weston, FL, Past Executive-Vice President.

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Adjunct Faculty Member (1993-1996).