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EXPERIENCED TRIAL LAWYER, EDUCATOR AND MENTOR

Experienced first chair trial lawyer who has tried more than forty civil cases to verdict in State and Federal courts and who has handled dozens of appeals; enthusiastic teacher who thrives on assisting young lawyers and students in learning and developing cutting edge legal skills; honorable professional who is committed to realizing outstanding results through scrupulous attention to detail and establishment of a positive environment powered by a passion for success; approachable collaborator who works and communicates well with others. Uncompromising integrity. Committed to excellence in all endeavors.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mitchel Law Firm
Managing Partner
2015-present

I represent individuals and business entities in a wide range of civil litigation matters. My practice includes a combination of catastrophic medical malpractice and personal injury cases together with commercial litigation matters. I handle business disputes and corporate governance litigation, non-compete and employment cases, landlord-tenant matters, real estate lawsuits, and other sophisticated commercial litigation controversies.

Steinger, Iscoe, Greene & McAfee, P.A.
Director of Litigation (2013-2015)
Senior Trial Lawyer (2010-2013)
2010-2015

As the Director of Litigation for Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, I handled a full docket of personal injury cases in state and federal court and supervised the other attorneys and staff in our department. As a general rule, I served as lead counsel in the most complex and/or catastrophic cases while overseeing and assisting the other member of our litigation team in successfully handling and advancing their claims and lawsuits. I was also involved in hiring and supervising attorneys and staff and maintaining a positive work environment.

Schell, Quillin, Mitchel & Cooley, L.L.P.
Managing Partner/Trial Lawyer
2000-2005

I was the Managing Partner of a national law firm with offices in Weston, Florida and Dallas, Texas. My practice focused on the defense of personal injury, medical malpractice, nursing home neglect, and products liability cases all across the State of Florida and the southern United States. Additionally, I was directly responsible for training, mentoring and supervising attorneys with all levels of experience, from summer and first year associates through and including lateral hires and junior partners.

Steven J. Mitchel & Associates, L.L.P.
1991-2000 and 2005-2007

My practice consisted of a broad base of commercial litigation matters in state court, federal court and arbitrations and covered the full spectrum of types and sizes of cases. I handled a significant number of business disputes, construction and real estate actions, licensing and franchise issues, collection matters, breach of contract claims, foreclosures, shareholder and partnership cases, non-compete and employment related lawsuits, landlord-tenant matters, securities issues and other types of commercial litigation.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Adjunct Professor of Law
Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center
1999-2002

I taught the upperclass Lawyering Skills and Values - Litigation Track course at Nova Law School for several years. This is a yearlong legal research and writing trial advocacy course that teaches students empirical skills necessary to handle cases from the initial client interview up through trial and appellate advocacy. The course is designed to provide real world experience in client representation, develop practical research and writing skills, and teach effective trial and appellate advocacy methods while emphasizing legal ethics, values and decision-making concepts.

Special Master
Palm Beach County
Code Enforcement Division
2000-2003

I was appointed by the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners to serve one day per month as a Special Master presiding over code enforcement matters, claims and appeals. As a Special Master in a quasi-judicial setting, my Orders had the effect of law unless timely appealed to an appropriate judicial forum.

Tyler Scott Goldberg Foundation
Founder

Tyler Scott Goldberg was a special fourteen year old boy who died from injuries received when the personal watercraft he was legally operating without supervision slammed into a dock. Together with his mother, I founded the charitable organization bearing his name and established its core mission of helping prevent children from suffering injuries arising from the operation of personal watercraft by serving as a vehicle for legislative change, a source of targeted education in our schools, and an advocate for personal watercraft design change.

Invited Lecturer

Various professional seminars for plaintiff's lawyers, defense lawyers and members of the Bar. Invited teacher in NITA program at Shepard Broad College of Law.

EDUCATION:

Legal:

University of Miami School of Law
J.D., *cum laude*, 1988

Select Law School Honors:

University of Miami Law Review, Member, 1986-1988

University of Miami Law Review, Associate Note Editor, 1987-1988

Teaching Assistant, First Year Research and Writing Program, 1986-1988

University of Miami Summer Honors Program, Selected Participant, 1986

Undergraduate:

Tufts University
B.A., Political Science, 1985