

Russell R. O'Brien, Partner

Attorney Profile



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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate practice
Bank Fraud Litigation
Class Actions
Commercial Fraud Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Complex Business Litigation
Maritime/Admiralty Litigation
Professional Negligence
& Malpractice
Securities & Financial
Regulatory Litigation
Trust & Probate Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law,
Juris Doctor, magna cum laude,
2010
University of California at
Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts,
2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar, 2010
United States District Court for
the Southern District of Florida
United States District Court for
the Middle District of Florida

BIOGRAPHY

Russell O'Brien is a Partner in the Firm's Fort Lauderdale office and concentrates his practice on contract disputes, securities litigation, fraud (misrepresentation, inducement, transfers, aiding and abetting and conspiracy), fiduciary relationships and business torts, shareholder disputes (direct and derivative), and class action defense. He also has experience in admiralty law, including vessel acquisitions and sales, vessel refurbishment and repair, vessel charter, and foreclosing and defending against necessaries liens and first preferred ship mortgages.

Russell is the Firm's Administrative Partner and manages the Firm's eDiscovery department. He regularly advises corporate clients regarding eDiscovery planning and protocols, e-Retention, and litigation concerning eDiscovery disputes.

Russell has represented Fortune 500 companies, small businesses and individuals in both jury and bench trials, and has wide-ranging courtroom experience in both state and federal court. Prior to joining Conrad & Scherer, Mr. O'Brien practiced at an AM 100 law firm, primarily representing financial institutions in class action litigation.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/AFFILIATIONS

Broward County Bar Association
17th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee Member, since 2018

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Selected as Florida Super Lawyers® "Rising Star", 2020

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

- Represented jet engine manufacturer in breach of lease claim and obtained prejudgment writ of attachment on commercial aircraft
- Appeared before SEC for extensive attorney proffers and client interview in connection with violations of Rule 10b of the Exchange Act
- Represented company in jury trial for breach of yacht charter management agreement and fines incurred while yacht was in French waters
- Represented South American business and individuals in cross-border dispute, including challenges to personal jurisdiction and service of process issues under Peruvian law
- Defended multiple insurance companies in class actions in connection with Florida's No-Fault insurance statute, including negotiating settlement, final fairness hearings, and issues regarding notice to class members