

Michael J. Mariani, Associate



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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
Complex Civil Litigation
Maritime/Admiralty Litigation
Securities & Financial Regulatory
Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Florida Levin College
of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2018
Florida Atlantic University, B.A.,
cum laude, 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar, 2018
District of Columbia Bar, 2021

BIOGRAPHY

Michael J. Mariani is an Associate in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, where he assists partners and senior associates in a variety of complex commercial litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Michael spent the first three years of his legal career at a boutique securities litigation firm in Tampa, Florida, where he represented broker-dealers, registered investment advisors, and their associated persons in all phases of FINRA arbitration relating to customer disputes involving alleged violations of federal securities laws, unsuitability, unauthorized trading, churning, over-concentration, and unauthorized margin borrowing. Michael also counseled businesses and individuals during DOJ, SEC, and CFTC investigations and enforcement proceedings.

Michael obtained his law degree cum laude from the University of Florida Levin College of Law where he was a member of the Florida Moot Court Team. While in law school, Michael interned for the Honorable William P. Dimitrouleas, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. As a 2L, Michael was selected to compete in the 31st Annual Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Final Four Moot Court Competition in front of a panel of federal and state judges where he was awarded both Best Overall and Best Oralist.

In addition to serving as the Internal Vice-President and Chair for Intermural Competitions for the Florida Moot Court Team. Michael also competed in several competitions including the National Moot Court Competition hosted by the New York City Bar where his team made the final four and finished with the second-highest brief score in the region. For his contributions to the team, Michael was awarded the William C. Gaither Memorial Award as a 2L and was inducted into the Order of Barristers as a 3L.

As a 3L, Michael was selected to compete in the prestigious Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Prior to competing in the preliminary rounds in Vienna, Austria, the team traveled to Paris, France to compete in various pre-moots including the International Chamber of Commerce Vis Pre-Moot where his team finished 1st Place beating out 24 other teams including Columbia University and University of Cambridge. Michael graduated cum laude from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/AFFILIATIONS

Federal Bar Association, Broward Chapter, Board of Directors - Present
Broward County Bar Association - Present

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

University of Florida Levin College of Law - Dean's List Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Best Overall, 31st Annual ZKS Final Four Moot Court Competition

Best Oralist, 31st Annual ZKS Final Four Moot Court Competition

Order of Barristers

William C. Gaither Memorial Award, Florida Moot Court Team

Runner-Up Best Brief, 2016 National Moot Court Competition, Regionals

1st Place Team, ICC Vis Pre-Moot, Paris

2nd Place Team, DLA Piper Vis Pre-Moot, Paris

2nd Place Team, Richard DeWitt Memorial Vis Pre-Moot, Miami

Book Award, Legal Drafting