

## Russell R. O'Brien, Partner



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### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice  
Bank Fraud Litigation  
Class Actions  
Commercial Fraud Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Complex Civil 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 Bankruptcy Court for  
the Southern District of Florida  
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 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

Recognized as a Best Lawyer: Ones To Watch in Commercial Litigation for The Best Lawyers in America®, 2021 - 2022  
Recognized as a Best Lawyer: Ones To Watch in Litigation - Banking and Finance for The Best Lawyers in America®, 2022  
Selected as a "Top Lawyer" by Fort Lauderdale Illustrated Magazine for Securities Regulation, 2021  
Selected as a "Top Lawyer" by Fort Lauderdale Illustrated Magazine for Admiralty & Maritime Law, 2020 - 2021  
Listed in South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Up & Comer" for Commercial Litigation, 2021  
Listed as one of the "FACES of Fort Lauderdale" in High-Stakes Litigation by Fort Lauderdale Illustrated Magazine, 2021  
Selected as Florida Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star", 2020  
Listed as one of the "FACES of Fort Lauderdale" in Complex Commercial Litigation by Fort Lauderdale Illustrated Magazine, 2020  
Listed in Attorney At Law Magazine, "Rising Star", 2018

### NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

- Represented fortune 500 insurance company against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for aiding and abetting fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with multi-million dollar insurance fraud scheme.
- 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