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Practice
Commercial
Litigation

**Areas of
Concentration**

Business
Disputes
Construction
Litigation
Real Estate
Litigation

Admissions

Florida
District of
Columbia

U.S. District
Court
Southern
District of
Florida

U.S. Court of
Appeals
Eleventh
Circuit

Certifications

Board
Certified in
Civil Trial
Law, The
Florida Bar

Education

University of
Florida
Levin College
of Law, J.D.

College of
William &
Mary, B.A.
With Honors

Accolades

AV Peer
Review
Rated,
Martindale-
Hubbell



Joseph L. Ackerman, Jr.
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West Palm Beach

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A Board Certified attorney in Civil Trial Law by The Florida Bar, Joseph Ackerman devotes his practice to complex, commercial litigation matters with an emphasis on real estate, construction and land use claims.

With more than 30 years of experience, Joe has handled a broad spectrum of real estate litigation, including claims involving commercial and retail landlord/tenant disputes, buyer and seller disputes, litigation arising out of real estate purchase and sale contracts, property insurance and land use. He also has significant experience with real estate foreclosures, receivership, distressed asset disposition and liquidation, and workouts.

In the business arena, Joe focuses on litigation related to partnership disputes, corporate dissolution, breach of fiduciary duty and other breach of contract claims.

As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for Palm Beach County, Joe's extensive litigation background provides him with additional insight when clients seek counsel regarding contract negotiation and other corporate transactions. He regularly assists developers, major contractors and subcontractors, principals, engineering and architectural consultants with respect to construction contracts.

Professional & Civic Involvement

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Bench-Bar Liaison Committee,
Past Chairman

Federal Bar Association, Gold Coast Chapter, Past President

The Florida Bar

Palm Beach County Bar Association

Child and Family Connections, Inc., Board Chairman

Guild of Catholic Lawyers of Palm Beach County, Past President

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Commercial
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Insurance
Products
Liability &
Toxic Torts

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Product
Liability
Construction
Litigation
Professional
Liability
Insurance
Coverage

Admissions
Florida
New York
Texas
Michigan
Nebraska
West Virginia
Iowa

U.S. District
Court
Northern
District of
Florida
Middle District
of Florida
Southern
District of
Florida

U.S. Court of
Appeals
Eleventh
Circuit

U.S. Supreme
Court

Certifications
Board
Certified in
Civil Trial
Law, National
Board of
Legal
Specialty
Certification



Rodney J. Janis
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An experienced trial lawyer, Rodney Janis represents clients throughout Florida and the U.S. He currently serves as national trial counsel for a major national insurance carrier, acting as lead counsel on cases nationwide. Rod is a Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney and has tried numerous cases to verdict.

Rod has in-depth experience in the area of premises liability, product liability and toxic torts, particularly with construction products and equipment, construction defect matters, and most recently, Chinese drywall litigation. Rod has successfully defended clients in trial, on issues such as premises liability and product liability, many of which involved multi-million dollar demands and claims of catastrophic injury.

He is currently defending local retailers and middle market suppliers against claims of supplying toxic Chinese drywall to builders and homeowners. Rod is lead counsel in numerous Florida-based Chinese drywall matters, as well as several Federal Court Chinese drywall matters consolidated within Federal Multi-District litigation based in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rod also represents architects and engineers in professional liability matters, as well as other clients in commercial litigation cases that arise from business and contract disputes, and insurance coverage issues.

Speaking Engagements

Adjunct Professor, "U.S. Court Systems and Civil Litigation," Palm Beach State College, 2006 - present

Professional & Civic Involvement

Indiana State University Department of Construction Risk Management, Advisory Committee Member

The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section

Florida Defense Lawyers Association

Defense Research Institute, Trial Tactics and Construction Law Section

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