

## Mark R. Cheskin

Partner

Miami

### Biography

Civil lawsuits and arbitrations with potentially significant financial exposure, or other important business outcomes, call for a litigator with both trial and business savvy. With his strategic and rigorous approach to the toughest cases, Mark Cheskin has successfully taken dozens of significant cases to jury verdict, final judgment, or final arbitral award as lead lawyer. In his 28-year legal career, Mark has litigated cases in both domestic and international jurisdictions.

From handling international business disputes to defending class actions involving tens of thousands of plaintiffs, Mark has represented clients from virtually every sector of the economy, including construction, energy, financial, retail, travel, communication, higher education, healthcare, professional, agriculture, and technology.

While Mark takes a bottom-line approach to resolving clients' problems, he goes to trial when the need arises. He obtained a US\$2.5 million jury verdict on behalf of a pro bono client in a discrimination case against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Mark received the *Daily Business Review's* designation as South Florida's Most Effective Lawyer in the pro bono category for this representation. He subsequently won a favorable ruling in a four-week trial over the construction of a US\$205 million power plant on



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### Practices

International Arbitration

Litigation

Employment

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### Industries

Diversified Industrials

Education

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

TMT

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### Areas of focus

behalf of one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies. Mark participated in a two-week international arbitration over a €290 million telecommunications satellite on behalf of one of the largest satellite manufacturers in the world. This latter arbitration resulted in a €36 million award in favor of his client.

Mark is consistently ranked as a top lawyer in *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers of America*, *South Florida Legal Guide*, *Florida Trend Magazine*, and *Super Lawyers*.

## Representative experience

Represented to final judgment one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies over the construction of a US\$205m power plant.

Represented one of the largest satellite manufacturers in the world in a €290m ICC arbitration against a Florida-based manufacturer.

Obtained successful jury verdicts in two separate, month-long class action jury trials within a six month period for back pay.

Obtained a US\$2.5m jury verdict on behalf of a pro bono client in a case against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Obtained settlement in excess of US\$1m in a case against a credit counseling business for failure to pay marketing fees.

Obtained successful jury verdict in federal court for a major NASA contractor in sexual harassment and retaliation case.

Obtained permanent injunction against former salesperson of an international travel agency for theft of trade secrets.

Successfully defended national financial institution in

Construction, Engineering, and Projects

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., cum laude, University of Miami School of Law, 1987

B.A., with honors, University of Miami, 1984

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Florida

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## Court admissions

Supreme Court of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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## Accolades

"Market commentators note that Mark Cheskin 'is the ultimate in being practical and reasonable — he thinks through the game to the very end before it has even started.'"

arbitration over tortious interference claims.

Obtained summary judgment on 17 count complaint by four plaintiffs against one of the country's largest healthcare companies.

## Awards and rankings

- Labor & Employment (Florida), *Chambers USA*, 2010-2017
- Top Lawyers in South Florida, *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2009-2016
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2016
- Top Rated Business Litigation Attorney, *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2006-2015
- Top Rated Lawyers, International Law & International Trade, 2012
- Corporate Counsel, *Super Lawyers*, 2004-2009

## Latest thinking and events

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Tokyo Construction Seminar and New Year Reception