



# Thomas J. Meeks

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## Overview

Tom Meeks has significant experience litigating complex business disputes in state and federal courts. He has handled dozens of jury and nonjury trials, and other proceedings around the United States. His extensive experience with complicated cases includes complex commercial litigation, contract cases, trade secrets disputes, common law and securities fraud matters, and bet-the-company litigation.

Tom is a past chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and a past vice-chair of the court's Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance. He was the 2010 recipient of the Judge Joe Eaton Unsung Hero Award, which is given by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Tom is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA*. Most recently, he was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the Miami Trusts and Estates "Litigator of the Year" for 2019.

## All Insights

11.24.2010 Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure - Effective December 1, 2010

## All News

04.23.2020 Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2020 Guide

05.03.2019 Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2019 Guide

10.10.2018 Carlton Fields Selected As Finalist for The American Lawyer's Litigation Department of the Year Award

08.14.2018 Seven Carlton Fields Attorneys Named 2019 "Lawyers of the Year"

- 07.09.2018 Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”
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- 08.15.2017 78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named “Best Lawyers in America”
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- 06.23.2017 Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”
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- 01.30.2017 Neal McAliley Joins Carlton Fields
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- 01.02.2017 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named to the 2017 “South Florida Legal Guide”

## Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
  - Appellate Practice, Arbitration, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Securities/Capital Markets Law (2003–2021)
  - Miami "Lawyer of the Year"
    - Litigation – Trusts and Estates (2019)
    - Securities/Capital Markets Law (2017)
    - Corporate Governance Law (2014)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2020)
- *Chambers USA* (2004–2017)
- Top Lawyers, *South Florida Legal Guide* (2006, 2009–2010, 2014–2015)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2005, 2008–2010, 2012, 2014)
- Best of the Bar, *South Florida Business Journal*
- Judge Joe Eaton Unsung Hero Award, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2010)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- American Bar Foundation
- The Florida Bar
  - Former Co-Chair, Civil Procedure Rules Committee
  - Representative, Federal Court Practice Committee
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
  - Past Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures,

- Past Vice Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Florida College of Law (J.D., 1979)
  - Senior Editor, *University of Florida Law Review*
  - Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board
- University of Florida (B.A., high honors, 1975)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Georgia

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- Florida State Courts

### CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Horace T. Ward, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

## Background

- Partner, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Miami, FL
- Partner, Floyd Pearson Richman Greer, P.A., Miami, FL
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Horace T. Ward, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

## Areas of Focus

### PRACTICES

- Estates, Trusts and Probate
- Litigation and Trials
- Securities and Derivative Litigation
- Trade Secrets / Noncompete Litigation and Consulting

### INDUSTRIES

- Securities & Investment Companies