



# 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 hundreds 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 Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*. 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

- 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"
- 08.15.2017 78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America"

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"

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

## Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in *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 (2003-2019)
  - "Lawyer of the Year":
    - Miami Corporate Governance Law in Miami (2014)
    - Miami Trusts and Estates Litigation (2019)
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law – Management (2017)
- Listed in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* (2004-2017)
- Recipient, Judge Joe Eaton Unsung Hero Award, given by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2010)
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite* (2005, 2008-2010, 2012, 2014)
- Listed as a Top Lawyer in *South Florida Legal Guide* (2006, 2009-2010, 2014-2015)
- Best of the Bar, *South Florida Business Journal*
- Listed in *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, Securities Litigation, Construction Litigation (2008-2019)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Foundation
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
  - Former Co-Chair, Civil Procedure Rules Committee
  - Representative, Federal Court Practice Committee
- U.S. District Court, 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 National Moot Court Board
- University of Florida (high honors, 1975)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Florida State Courts

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Georgia

## Background

- Partner, Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, Miami
- Partner, Floyd Pearson Richman Greer, P.A., Miami
- Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, 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