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Overview

Lee Rightmyer is a seasoned commercial trial attorney. He represents clients in real property and complex business-related disputes. He has extensive experience representing clients in disputes involving contracts, real property rights, business torts, corporate/partnership disputes, and covenants not to compete. Lee has also defended title insurance companies in direct claims brought against them by insureds and by others.

He has represented many different types of businesses and business owners, from publicly held companies to entrepreneurs, as well as nonprofits. Lee has tried cases in state and federal courts, and before arbitrators, and has testified as an expert witness.

Experience

- *Encore Bank, N.A. v. Yazdani*, No. 12-CI-1811 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Nov. 17, 2014). Obtained a final judgment in favor of the client after three-day bench trial concerning a release that barred an adversary's multimillion-dollar claims against the client. The court denied the adversary's efforts to reform the release based on allegations of a mutual mistake and also denied the adversary's demand for a declaratory judgment determining that the release did not apply to those multimillion-dollar claims asserted against the client. Read Order.
- *Luke Invs., Inc. v. Camelot Condo. Owners Ass'n, Inc.*, 974 So. 2d 433 (Fla. 2d DCA 2007).

All Insights

07.16.2019 Florida Appellate Court Rules That Arbitration Agreement in Special Warranty Deed Can Bind Subsequent Purchasers

05.01.2015 Professionalism: Tips from the Bench

12.31.1981 Brown v. Neeb: Sisyphus at the Summit

All News

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

Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Recipient, Barney Masterson American Inn of Court "Barney" Award (2012)
 - Presented each year to honor a trial lawyer who demonstrates the highest degree of professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal excellence in the practice of law.
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2009-2020)
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers* (2012-2014)
- Recipient, St. Petersburg Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award (2005)

Professional & Community Involvement

- Sixth Judicial Circuit (Pinellas and Pasco Counties)
 - Current Member, Professionalism Committee
- The Florida Bar
 - Former Chairman, Grievance Committee, Pinellas County (06E)
 - Former Chairman, Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee, Pinellas County (06A)
- St. Petersburg Bar Association
 - Immediate Former President (2007-2008)
 - President (2006-2007)
 - Executive Committee (2000-2002)
- Barney Masterson Inn of Court
 - Master (2011-2012)
 - Board of Directors/Officer (1999-2001)
- American Bar Association
- St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
 - Leadership St. Petersburg

Speaking Engagements

- State and Local Bar Association Programs, Topics on professionalism on numerous occasions.
- "Law of Easements: Legal Issues and Practical Considerations," Lorman Education Services, Tampa, FL (January 11, 2008).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Toledo College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1982)
 - Valedictorian
 - Associate Editor, *University of Toledo Review*
- Miami University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1978)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Florida State Courts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

Background

- Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (1981-1982)

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Development
- Litigation and Trials
- Real Property Litigation
- Title Insurance

INDUSTRIES

- Real Estate