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Focus

- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Law

Robert has practiced business bankruptcy Chapter 11 and out-of-court workout and restructuring law for more than 35 years. He has represented court-appointed committees, secured creditors lenders, asset acquisitions in 363 sales, chapter 11 plan proponents, and various special interests in high-profile and public cases in Florida and Delaware as well as in other bankruptcy courts in other jurisdictions. He has litigated and defended bankruptcy Chapter 5 causes of action. In addition to his bankruptcy practice, he has represented both secured creditors and lenders in sophisticated out-of-court workouts.

Robert has represented both assignees and assignors in assignments for the benefit of creditors in state courts. Since 1991, he has been listed as a leading Florida attorney in *Best Lawyers in America* in the field of bankruptcy law. In 1999, he was the recipient of the prestigious President's Cup Award from the Commercial Law League of America.

Robert presently serves as a mediator on the Bankruptcy Court Panel of Mediation in Delaware. He provides services in mediations for complex Chapter 11 controversies, confirmation issues and adversary proceedings, including avoidance actions.

Education

- **University of Miami, B.A.** (1967)
- **University of Miami, J.D.** (1971)
- Completed Extensive Circuit Court Mediation Training Program, Certified by the Florida Supreme Court

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Professional Associations and Memberships

- The Florida Bar
- The American Bar Association
 - Chapter 11 Subcommittee, Member
 - Chapter 11 Task Force Subcommittee, Member
 - Secured Creditors Subcommittee, Member
- Commercial Law League of America
 - Board of Governors (1990-1994)
 - Recording Secretary (1997-1998)
 - Bankruptcy Section Chair (1999-2000)
 - U.S. Trustee Cooperation Committee, Chair (1987-1990)
 - U.S. Nominating Council (1987-1990)
 - Southern Region Executive Council (1991)
 - President, Fund for Public Education (1995-1997)
 - Board of Associate Editors (1993-present)
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, Member and Past President
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, Mediation Panel Registry
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Economic Society of South Florida, Member
- Progress Board of Miami, President (1982-1983)
- University of Miami, Citizens Board
- Temple Beth Am
 - President (2005-2007)
 - Board of Trustees, Chair (2011-2013)
- University of Miami President's Council (2012-Present)
- American Jewish Committee
 - Board of Directors (2012- Present)
 - Executive Committee (2018-Present)

Awards and Recognitions

- AV Preeminent®, *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Chambers USA*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2012-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 1989-2025
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Litigation - Bankruptcy
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2006-2009, 2014-2019

Presentations and Seminars

- "Tools and Resources for Today's Real Estate Professional: Survival School Basics: Workouts, Restructuring and Making It Work," Urban Land Institute Southeast Florida/Caribbean Seminar, June 2009
- "Turnaround Management Association Presentation on Complex Real Estate Out-of-Court Workouts," Jacksonville, Florida, July 9, 2009

- "Real Estate Panel: The Benefits of Out-of-Court Workouts for Real Estate," Miami, Florida, November 18, 2009