



## Deborah Baker

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Deborah Baker is a partner in the litigation practice group and is the Firm's Director of Attorney Development. Ms. Baker focuses her law practice in the areas of commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution, with significant emphasis in the areas of business and real estate litigation. Ms. Baker has represented public and private companies in a variety of corporate litigation matters. She has litigated shareholder derivative lawsuits through trial and appeals, ending with favorable outcomes for her clients. She is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator and has been appointed by the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court to act as a Special Magistrate to assist the Court, litigants and their counsel in resolving discovery disputes in lawsuits pending in the Complex Business Litigation Division.

Ms. Baker has also advised clients on intellectual property matters, including a multi-national retail business with respect to a claim of trademark and copyright infringement. Ms. Baker was able to guide her client towards a favorable resolution without litigation.

Ms. Baker has obtained her FINRA Series 7, 55, and 63 licenses, and has represented claimants before the American Arbitration Association. Ms. Baker has extensive trial experience, both jury and non-jury, and has successfully handled several appeals.

### Bar Admissions

- California
- Florida
- New York

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

### Education

- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1999
- B.A., Wesleyan University, Honors, 1996

## Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Mediation

## Professional and Community Involvement

- Jackson Health Foundation, Golden Angel Society, Member, 2023
- The Florida Bar, Board of Governors' Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee for Vacancies on the Florida Supreme Court, Member, 2018 – 2019
- The Florida Bar, Board of Governors' Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee for Vacancies on the Third District Court of Appeals, Chair, 2018 – 2019
- The Florida Bar, Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism Screening Committee, Chair 2018
- The Florida Bar, Program Evaluation Subcommittee on Military Affairs, Chair 2018-2019
- The Florida Bar, Citizens Advisory Committee, Member, 2017-2018
- The Florida Bar, Board of Governors, Member, 2016-2019
- Anti-Defamation League, Civil Rights Committee, Member, 2014-Present
- Dade County Bar Association, Member
- Jewish Federation of Greater Miami Judicial Reception Awards Selection Committee, 2015-2017
- Florida Bar, Civil Procedure Rules Committee, 2015-2016
- Florida Bar, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, 2015-2016
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Miami-Dade Chapter
  - President, 2014-2015
  - State FAWL Outstanding Chapter Award, 2014-2015
- Spellman-Hoeveler American Inn of Court, Member, 2015-Present
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Board Member, 2009-2011
- Lotus House, Street Law Program, Director, 2011

## Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "2022 Leaders Summit" Florida Defense Lawyers Association, September 23, 2022
- Panelist, "Juror Perception and Decision Making Post-COVID," Dade County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, April 2021
- Speaker, "Trial Themes With Legends" Seminar, American Inns of Court, Bench and Bar Conference, March 1, 2019
- Panelist, Dade County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, "A Frank Discussion with the Judiciary," February 2017
- Panelist, Miami-Dade FAWL Corporate Counsel Summit, "Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreements," February 2017
- Panelist, Federal Bench & Bar CLE Conference, Dade County Bar Association, November 2016
- Speaker, Appellate Legends Lunch CLE, Dade County Bar Association, October 2016
- Speaker, "Super Stars in Trial & Jury Selection," Dade County Bar Association, July 2016
- Panelist and Demonstrating Attorney, "Voor Dire – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," Dade County Bar Association Bench and Bar, 2016
- Panelist, "Women, Minorities, the Media & the Law," Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers Seminar, April 2015
- Panelist, "Extraordinary Remedies: Proceedings Supplementary and Involuntary Bankruptcy," Dade County Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee Seminar, March 2015
- Speaker, Katherine Fernandez Rundle State Attorney and Donna Shalala, President of University of Miami's Fourth Annual Human Trafficking Forum, January 2015

## Recognitions

- *U.S. News & World Report*, "Best Lawyers in America," Commercial Litigation, 2024
- *Chambers and Partners USA*, "Top Ranked Lawyers – Florida: Litigation: General Commercial" 2023
- Miami-Dade Bar, "Circle of Excellence Award," 2023
- *Daily Business Review's* Florida Legal Awards, " Best Mentors" 2023
- *Super Lawyers*, "Florida Super Lawyers," 2016-2023
- *The American Lawyer*, "South Trailblazers," 2022
- *Super Lawyers*, "Top 100 Lawyers in Florida," 2020-2022
- *Super Lawyers*, "Top 50 Women Lawyers in Florida," 2019-2022
- American Inns of Court, "10-30 Years of Practice – Women of Distinction Award," 2019
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyer," 2017-2020
- *Florida Trend*, "Legal Elite," 2015-2017, 2019-2022
- ACLU, "Maurice Rosen Act of Courage Award," 2018
- Miami-Dade FAWL, "Mattie Belle Davis Award," 2017
- The Florida Bar, "William K. Reese Award," 2017
- Dade County Bar Association, Legal Luminaries, "Top Corporate Lawyer," 2017
- *Daily Business Review*, "10 Top Women in Law," 2017
- State FAWL, Leaders in the Law Award, 2015
- Outstanding Lawyers of Miami-Dade County, "40 Under 40" Cystic Fibrosis Award, 2012
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Volunteer Service Award, 2011
- Miami-Dade FAWL, President's Award, 2010-2011

## Publications

- Author, "Thriving Together, The Importance of My MDFAWL Friendships," *MDFAWL Advisor - Spring 2023*, June 8, 2023

## In the News

- Quoted, "A 'Great Day for Women' in Florida Courthouses: New Law Brings Change," *Daily Business Review*, May 19, 2023
- Quoted, "Best Mentors: Deborah Baker Puts Big Value on Small Connections," *Daily Business Review*, May 12, 2023
- Quoted, "New partner puts fresh focus on lawyer development at Greenspoon Marder" *Reuters*, July 2, 2021
- Featured, "Greenspoon Marder Launches New Atty Development Program" *Law360*, June 8, 2021
- Quoted, "'You Don't Look Like a Judge': Female Jurists, Lawyers Share Stories of Being Mistaken for Assistants," *The Am Law Litigation Daily*, February 1, 2019
- Quoted, "'You Don't Look Like a Judge': Female Jurists, Lawyers Mistaken for Assistants," *Daily Business Review*, February 1, 2019
- Featured, "No Glass Ceilings at Greenspoon Marder," *Profile Magazine*, August 13, 2018
- Quoted, "Bar's Board of Governors Recommends Parental Leave Continuance Rule to Florida Supreme Court," *Daily Business Review*, August 1, 2018
- Quoted, "BigLaw Atty Suspended For Calling Pregnancy A Delay Tactic," *Law360*, July 25, 2018
- Quoted, "Biglaw Partner Accuses Small-Firm Litigator Of Using Pregnancy To Delay Trial," *Above the Law*, July 25, 2018
- Quoted, "Florida Attorneys Could Soon Get New Parental Leave Rule," *Daily Business Review*, July 24, 2018
- Featured, "Attorney's Report Leads to Miami-Dade Police Probe of Officer Accused of Kicking Driver," *Daily Business Review*, May 11, 2018
- Featured, "Greenspoon Marder partner intervenes after seeing cop kick driver who had hands in the air," *Aba Journal*, May 10, 2018
- Featured, "Biglaw Partner Intervenes After Witnessing Police Assault a Motorist," *Above the Law*, May 10, 2018
- Featured, "'I Saw You Kick Him': Greenspoon Marder Partner Intervenes in Alleged Police Abuse," *Daily Business Review*, May 9, 2018

- Featured, "Health Wellness Profile," *The Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar*, May 2018
- Featured, "Q&A for the 2017 Top Women in Law: Exploring Their Careers and the Profession," *Daily Business Review*, August 8, 2017
- Featured, "Giving Credit to Mentors: The Magic of Opening Professional Doors," *Daily Business Review*, August 8, 2017
- Featured, "DBR Recognizes 10 Top Women in Law," *Daily Business Review*, July 26, 2017
- Quoted, "Who's in Charge at Plant Food and Wine? Depends on Whom You Ask," *The Miami Herald*, July 21, 2017
- Mentioned, "This celebrity chef brought Miami his innovation vegan food – and a trail of lawsuits," *The Miami Herald*, July 15, 2017
- Featured, "Pregnant Pause, Should Judges be Required to Grant Continuances to Lawyers Who Need to go on Maternity Leave?," *Florida Trend* and *ABA Journal*, October 2016
- Quoted, "Should Judges Delay Trials for Pregnant Lawyers?," *Law.com*, July 20, 2016
- Featured, "Litigator Baker-Egozi Moves to Greenspoon Marder," *Daily Business Review*, July 11, 2016

## News

- 49 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Obtained Unanimous Jury Verdict in Favor of Client
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Ranked in Chambers USA 2023 Guide
- Greenspoon Marder Ranked in Chambers and Partners USA 2023 Guide
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Joins Golden Angel Society at Jackson Health Foundation
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Recognized Among The American Lawyer's "South Trailblazers" For 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Selected as Presenter for 2022 FDIA Leaders Summit
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Deborah Baker and Adam Wasch Recognized in Florida Trend's 2022 "Legal Elite"
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Recognized Among 2021 Florida "Super Lawyers"
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Jeffrey Backman And Deborah Baker Recognized In Florida Trend's 2021 "Legal Elite"
- Greenspoon Marder Announces New Attorney Development Program
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized In Florida Trend's 2019 "Legal Elite"
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Recognized Amongst Top 50 2019: Women Florida Super Lawyers
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker Featured Speaker At The Florida Association For Women Lawyers' Miami-Dade Chapter's Equity Pay Gap Panel
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Deborah Baker To Be Honored At The Women of Distinction Judicial Awards Gala
- Greenspoon Marder Recognized by the South Florida Legal Guide as a "Top Law Firm" For 2019
- 7 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized in Florida Trend's 2017 Legal Elite
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed Among South Florida Legal Guide's Top Lawyers in 2017

## Videos

- Greenspoon Marder Hosts the Welcome Reception for Josh Doyle Florida Bar Executive Director



