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Murray Silverstein is managing partner in Greenspoon Marder's Tampa office. He has more than three decades' experience in complex commercial, business, and real estate litigation in the state and federal trial and appellate courts of Florida.

Mr. Silverstein is board certified and has been recertified since the mid-1990s in civil trial practice and business litigation by The Florida Bar. He regularly handles jury and non-jury trials. His practice areas include cases involving unfair competition, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, intellectual property disputes, consumer finance litigation and class action defense, construction and real property disputes, health care litigation, and professional licensing matters before administrative agencies.

In the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Mr. Silverstein is an approved panelist for the American Arbitration Association and experienced mediator and invited member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (schedule mediation), in which he has attained diplomate status.

In addition to his active practice, Mr. Silverstein has, since 2006, served as a Florida Supreme Court-appointed member of the Florida Courts Technology Commission, a 25-member public body responsible for making policy recommendations to the Court on statewide technology in the trial and appellate courts of Florida.

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Florida
- Supreme Court of the United States
- 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

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia
- New York

Education

- J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 1982
- B.A., Stetson University, *cum laude*, 1980

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Appellate
- Class Action Defense
- Mediation

Professional and Community Involvement

- American Academy of Certified Mediators, Member
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, 1997 – Present
- Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, 1994 – Present
- Community Law Program of St. Petersburg, Inc. (pro bono)
 - Past President and Board Member, 1996-2010
- Florida Courts Technology Commission, Commissioner, 2006-Present
- Florida CraftArts, Board Member, 2015-2017
- Hillsborough County Bar Association, Member
- Leadership St. Petersburg, Alumnus, 1987
- Leadership Tampa Bay, Alumnus, 1989
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Diplomate
- National Board of Trial Advocacy, Board Certified Civil Trial Specialist
- St. Petersburg Bar Association, Executive Committee, Editor, Paraclete
- The Florida Bar
 - The Florida Bar Journal, Editorial Board, 1985-1990
 - Sixth Judicial Circuit Fee Arbitration Program, Chair, 2002-2006
 - Board of Governors, Sixth Judicial Circuit, 2003-2011
 - Executive Committee
 - Disciplinary Review Committee
 - Disciplinary Procedures Committee, Chair
 - Communications Committee, Chair
 - Board Liaison to various rules committees
 - ? Steering committee chair for appointments to JNCs
 - Business Law Section, Executive Council, 2010-2014
 - Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 2010-2016
 - Chair, 2014-2015
 - Trial Lawyers Section, Member

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Member
- The Florida Bar Foundation
 - Board Member, 2015-Present
 - Fellow, 2003-Present
- Florida Supreme Court, Certified Circuit Court Mediator, 1993-2012
- YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, Director, 2007-2013

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Practitioners' Views & Advice on Litigation, Transactions, & Lending Involving the Elderly," Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 29, 2019
- Speaker, "The Next Frontier: Florida's e-Courts – Everything You Always Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask," Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 13, 2018
- Speaker, "Explore Florida's Complex E-Filing System", Lorman's Live Webinar, November 21, 2017
- Panelist, "Legal Issues and Regulatory Compliance – State Court Litigation," Mortgage Bankers Association Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center, May 1-4, 2016
- Panelist, "CFPB Rulemaking, Enforcement, CIDs, Examinations, Arbitration and Mandatory Arbitration Clauses," American Conference Institute's Consumer Finance and Class Actions & Litigation Conference Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza, April 7-8, 2016
- CFPB Consumer Arbitration Study: A critical review of the CFPB's Study and Report to Congress on Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses, presented to the Association of Corporate Counsel-West Central Florida Chapter, Tampa, Florida, April 16, 2015
- Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers, New Clerk Academy: Leadership, Administration & Partnerships, Presentation on clerk relationships with members of The Florida Bar/e-filing and the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Tallahassee, Florida, March 19, 2015
- Speaker, "Florida's New Email Service and E-Filing Rules," St. Petersburg Bar Association, October 23, 2012
- Speaker, "An Update on Service by Email and E-Filing in Florida's Courts," Clearwater Bar Association September 13, 2012
- Panelist, The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, Government Symposium on E- Filing and Access to Court Records, The Florida Bar Mid-Year Convention, Orlando, FL, January 2010
- Speaker, "Discovery: Panel Discussion on Tips, Trends & Tactics," St. Petersburg Bar Association, SPBA Trial Practice Section's Fourth Annual Winning Trial Strategies from the Masters, May 25, 2007
- Speaker, "What Is Actionable Non-Disclosure Under the As Is 'Real Estate Contract,'" St. Petersburg Bar Association, SPBA Real Property Section's "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the As Is Sale But Were Afraid to Ask," February 23, 2007
- Speaker, "Winning Methods and Tactics in Handling the Civil Bench Trial," St. Petersburg Bar Association, SPBA Trial Practice Section's Third Annual Winning Trial Strategies from the Masters, May 26, 2006

Recognitions

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Rated AV® Preeminent™
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Florida Litigation Star," 2018-2019
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, "Florida Super Lawyers," Business Litigation, 2007, 2009-2019
- *Florida Trend* magazine, "Florida Legal Elite," Commercial Litigation, 2008-2012, 2017-2018
- The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award, Sixth Judicial Circuit, 2011
- The Florida Bar President's Award of Merit, 2010
- Distinguished Citizens Award, Boy Scouts of America (West Central Florida Council), 2009
- Community Law Program, Inc., David L. Stout Memorial Pro Bono Award, 2008

- Stetson University College of Law, William Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service Award, 2006

Publications

- Co-Author, "Technology and Florida's Rules of Judicial Administration," No. 90 *The Florida Bar Journal*, January 2016
- Co-Author, "*Campbell-Ewald v. Gomez*: Unaccepted Offers of Judgment Do Not 'Moot' a Claim, But Ruling Leaves Door Open For Offers Accompanied by Tender," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, January 25, 2016
- Co-Author, "CFPB Scrutinized During Oral Argument Before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in *PHH Corp. v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*," GT Client Advisory/Alert, April 22, 2016
- Co-Author, "D.C. Circuit Panel Questions Constitutionality of the CFPB," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, April 18, 2016
- Author, "TCPA – 6th Circuit: *Baisden v. Credit Adjustments* – 'Prior Express Consent' Includes Information Obtained through Intermediary in Same Transaction," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, March 29, 2016
- Author, "FDCPA – 11th Circuit: *Kinlock v. Wells Fargo Bank* – Post-Foreclosure Offers of Financial Assistance to Defaulted Borrower Not Violative of FDCPA/Florida Consumer Collection Protection Act," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, March 14, 2016
- Author, "Yes, Virginia, There is Consumer Arbitration in California": U.S. Supreme Court's Rebuke to California – *DirectTV v. Imburgia* (Class Action Waivers are Valid), GT Financial Services Observer Blog, December 21, 2015
- Author, "CFPB Wants to Eliminate 'Free Pass' of Class-Action Waivers in Consumer Arbitration Agreements," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, October 28, 2015
- Author, "11th Circuit Opinion – FDCPA Does Not Apply to Debt Acquirers if Not 'Debt Collectors,'" GT Financial Services Observer Blog, September 28, 2015
- Author, "11th Circuit Opinion on Fixture Filings and TILA," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, September 28, 2015
- Co-Author, "Eleventh Circuit: Enhanced TILA Disclosures and Remedies Not Applicable to UCC Article 9 Fixture Filers, As No Security Interest Created in Consumers' Homes," GT Alert, August 31, 2015
- Author, Report of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 89 *The Florida Bar Journal*, No. 6, June 2015
- Co-Author, "The Perils of Reporting CFPB Inquiries," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, May 23, 2015
- Author, "CFPB Consumer Arbitration Study," GT Financial Services Observer Blog, May 8, 2015
- Co-Author, "CFPB Releases its Consumer Arbitration Study," GT Alert, April 7, 2015
- Author, "E-Filing and Electronic Access to Court Records," St. Petersburg Bar Association *Paraclete*, May 2008
- Author, "The Lawyer-to-Lawyer Advertising Exemption: Dead or Alive?," St. Petersburg Bar Association, *Paraclete*, October 2007
- Author, "Vital Consumer Information Available About Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration," *The Tampa Tribune*, February 17, 2002
- Author, "Fee Arbitration: The Best Remedy for You and Your Client," 27 *Florida Bar News* 28, No. 9, April 30, 2000
- Co-Author, "The Indigent Health Care Tax: What You Don't Know Will Cost You," *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, August 19, 1996
- Co-Author, "Failed Financial Institutions: The Plight of Professionals Defending Regulators' Claims," 66 *The Florida Bar Journal* No 2, February 1992 (Finalist, Barbara Sanders Memorial Award for Legal Writing)

In the News

- Featured, "E-filing Was Just The Beginning; The Tech Revolution Continues," *Florida Bar News*, August 1, 2018
- Featured, "2018 Annual Florida Bar Convention: Florida Courts E-Filing Portal," Florida Bar Podcast, June 15, 2018
- Mentioned, "Movers & Shakers," *Tampa Bay Times*, April 30, 2017
- Mentioned, "FCTC Works to Streamline e-Filing," *Florida Bar News*, March 15, 2016
- Quoted, "Get Up to Speed on the Technical Standards for e-Filing," *Florida Bar News*, December 1, 2014
- Greenspoon Marder Consumer Finance Blog: Proposed Legislation To Invalidate Arbitration Agreements And Class Action Waivers

Passes House - Now In Senate

- Greenspoon Marder Consumer Finance Blog: Florida's Fourth DCA Awards Borrowers' Attorney's Fees Despite Bank's Claim of Lack of Standing Under the Loan Documents
- Bad Grammar Keeps FCRA Class Action Alive
- Senate Uses Congressional Review Act To Begin Rescission Process on CFPB Guidance For Auto Leasing
- Trump Administration Seeks To Make Major Changes To Enforcement of Community Reinvestment Act
- Former CFPB Examiner Claims CFPB Falsified Documents During Examination of Ace Cash Express
- Federal District Court Finds Validation Notice Violates FDCPA
- CFPB Deputy Director Files Suit In Federal Court To Determine Acting Director of CFPB
- CFPB Director Richard Cordray Plans To Resign
- President Signs Congress Joint Resolution To Repeal CFPB Final Arbitration Rule
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Senate Votes To Rescind CFPB's Final Arbitration/Class Action Waiver Rule
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: CFPB Issues Rule Banning Class Action Waivers in Consumer Arbitration Agreements

News

- Greenspoon Marder Recognized by Benchmark Litigation USA 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Murray B. Silverstein Reappointed to the Florida Courts Technology Commission
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Murray B. Silverstein & Mark F. Grant Named Among Florida Trend's "Florida Legal Elite" 2018
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 22 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder as "Super Lawyers" in Florida
- Greenspoon Marder Supports the Florida Bar Foundation's 42nd Annual Reception and Dinner
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Murray B. Silverstein Appointed to the Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism and Civility
- CFPB Deputy Director Files Suit In Federal Court To Determine Acting Director of CFPB
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Murray Silverstein Featured Speaker "Explore Florida's Complex E-Filing System" Live Webinar
- CFPB Director Richard Cordray Plans To Resign
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2018 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- President Signs Congress Joint Resolution To Repeal CFPB Final Arbitration Rule
- Greenspoon Marder Recognized by Benchmark Litigation USA
- 7 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Recognized in Florida Trend's 2017 Legal Elite
- Greenspoon Marder Supports The Florida Bar Foundation's 41st Annual Reception and Dinner
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder in Florida
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Murray Silverstein Appointed to the Florida Bar Foundation Board of Directors
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as 2016 Legal Leaders
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2017 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- Greenspoon Marder Announces Expansion in Tampa, Murray Silverstein Joins Tampa Office as Managing Shareholder



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