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Justin Luger represents private and governmental entities in South Florida in both state and federal courts. Justin handles complex commercial, business, and municipal/government litigation. At the municipal level, he represents local governments in litigation issues including zoning and land use regulations, the creation and dissolution of special districts, and constitutional, civil rights, and negligence matters.

A fourth-generation native Miamian, Justin is passionate about helping to grow the Magic City through civic participation. He served for 3 consecutive years as general counsel to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce – one of the youngest to ever hold the position in the over 100-year history of the Chamber. He was recently recognized by the Daily Business Review as a 2023 “Innovator” for outstanding work in the recovery of over $1.5 Million from FEMA on behalf of the Village of Pinecrest for amounts expended in post-disaster recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Prior to joining the firm, Justin practiced complex commercial and securities litigation at a boutique Miami law firm, where he assisted in the defense of one of the world's largest hedge fund administrators and custodians in a multi-billion dollar federal class action stemming

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate Affairs and Governance
- Code Enforcement
- Municipal Counsel
- Administrative Proceedings
- Asset Forfeitures
- Civil Rights and Torts
- Complex Commercial
- Constitutional Challenges
- Governmental Actions and Defense
- Real Estate, Land Use and Zoning Disputes
- Community Association, Club and Resort

from the Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dade County Bar Association
- Miami-Dade Urban Debate League, Board of Directors, 2024
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors, 2025-Present; Executive Committee, 2019-2022; General Counsel, 2019-2022; Board of Directors, 2016-2025; Nominating Committee, 2017-2019
    - Hype Miami Committee
        - Chair, 2017-2019
        - Vice-Chair, 2015-2017
        - Technology Task Force Co-Chair, 2014-2015
            - Co-Chair of "Hype Miami Presents: Tech Tank-Keeping Miami Afloat in a Growing Technology Ecosystem"
    - New World Center (Downtown Miami) Committee
        - Transportation and Mobility Task Force, 2014-2015
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Mentor, 2016-2017

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers in America, 2023 - present
- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2015-present
- South Florida Legal Guide, Top Up and Comer, 2020 - present
- Daily Business Review Florida Legal Awards, Innovator, 2023
- South Florida Business & Wealth - Up and Comer, 2020
- Daily Business Review, Professional Excellence Award, On the Rise, 2019
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, Up and Comer, 2017; 2020
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell, 2017

PRESS MENTIONS

- *Mitch Bierman, Justin Luger and Roger Pou Say Best Ideas Can Come From Anywhere*, Daily Business Review, May 15, 2023
- *Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman Secures $1.5 Million Arbitration Ruling Against FEMA*, Attorney at Law Magazine, October 24, 2022
- *New Arbitration Process Weiss Serota Used To Win Against FEMA Could Help With Hurricane Ian Claims*, Law.com, October 19, 2022
- *Q&As With DBR's 2019 On the Rise Honorees*, Daily Business Review, May 6, 2019

- Disaster Recovery

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2010

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2019

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010

- Honors: Dean's List; Dean's Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Academic Performance in Legal Research and Writing

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Emory University, B.A., International Studies

- Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha Political Honor Society; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; National Scholars Honor Society; Alpha Epsilon Delta Premedical Honor Society

- *Creating Our Niche in Technology Services and Opportunities*, Miami Today, June 12, 2018
- *Developers of Technology hailed for gains and promoting growth*, Miami Today, June 1, 2017

REPORTED CASES

- *E.H. et al. v. City of Miramar et al.*, 2015 WL 1284091 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 13, 2015)
- *Pinto v. City of Hollywood, et al.*, 2015 WL 3744486 (S.D. Fla. June 15, 2015)
- *E.H. et al. v. City of Miramar et al.*, 111 F. Supp. 3d 1307 (S.D. Fla. 2015)
- *Giraldo v. City of Hollywood et al.*, 142 F. Supp. 3d 1292 (S.D. Fla. 2015)
- *In the Matter of Village of Pinecrest, Florida*, 2021 WL 753697 (CBCA 7011-FEMA)
- *In the Matter of Village of Pinecrest, Florida*, 2022 WL 4591676 (CBCA 7298-FEMA)
- *Watkins v. Session et al.*, 2023 WL 8469704 (11th Cir. Dec. 7, 2023)