



## MITCHELL J. BURNSTEIN

PARTNER

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A litigator who has served as lead counsel in over 80 jury trials throughout Florida, Mitch Burnstein is one of the state's most influential lawyers in lawsuits involving eminent domain, inverse condemnation, and a broad range of disputes concerning title, regulation, development, valuation, encumbrances, and improvements upon real property.

Mitch has served as lead counsel in hundreds of condemnation matters across Florida on behalf of public sector clients, private property owners, businesses and utilities. His condemnation experience covers a wide range of governmental purposes, including transportation, right-of-way creation, and roadway expansion; construction of schools, libraries, civic centers, jails, public works, utilities, and electrical facilities; community redevelopment; affordable housing; environmental protection; drainage; watershed; and recreation. He has litigated all categories of damage claims (value of property taken, severance damages, business damages, cost to cure, apportionment, federal and state relocation benefits, trade fixtures, attorney's fees, expert's fees, and litigation costs) involving a broad range of property interests (fee, tenancy, easement, concession, and restrictive covenants).

## PRACTICE AREAS

- [Complex Commercial](#)
- [Eminent Domain and Property Acquisition](#)
- [Eminent Domain and Property Acquisition Litigation](#)
- [Eminent Domain Defense and Protection of Private Property Rights](#)
- [Mobility Solutions and Public Transportation](#)
- [Real Estate, Land Use and Zoning Disputes](#)
- [Right of Way Creation and Expansion](#)
- [Solid Waste Management](#)

For more than thirty years, Mitch has advised property owners and litigated on their behalf on a wide range of legal issues that “touch” their real property. He represents both private and public sector clients in disputes over leasehold estates, easements, entitlements, vested rights, littoral and riparian rights, covenants, access, regulatory and physical encumbrances, and issues that impact marketable title.

He has been called upon to serve as an expert witness in matters concerning eminent domain litigation and disputes over property rights.

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section, Executive Council, 2019-present
- Stephen R. Booher American Inns of Court, Barrister, 1994-present
- TeamFL Transportation and Expressway Authority, 2019-present
- American Jewish Committee, Venture Council Member, 2024-present

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Florida Trend’s Legal Elite, Notable Managing Partner, 2024-present
- South Florida Legal Guide, 2017-present
- Best Lawyers in America, 2022 – present
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2016-present
- Best Lawyers in America, 2022 - present
- Fort Lauderdale Illustrated, "Top Lawyer," 2020-present
- Best Lawyers in America, 2022 - present
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating
- South Florida Business Journal, Power Leaders in Law & Accounting, 2016-2017
- Florida Trend’s Legal Elite, 2013-present
- South Florida Top Rated Lawyers, Top Rated Lawyer, Banking & Finance, 2012
- South Florida Business Journal, [Leading Lawyers](#), 2011-2012

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented the City of Port St. Lucie in significant, long-running litigation involving the City’s prior solid waste collection contract, resulting in a \$31 million resolution and complete closure of the dispute.

## ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1989

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U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 1990

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U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, 1995

## EDUCATION

University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1989

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Emory University, B.A., Economics, 1986

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#### Press Mentions

- [Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable Managing Partners](#), Florida Trend, July 1, 2025
- [Meet the 2025 Power Leaders in Law & Accounting](#), South Florida Business Journal, June 20, 2025
- [WSHC+B Makes Several Key Additions Across South Florida](#), Citybiz, December 11, 2024
- [Midsize Firms Claim Attorney Disengagement Has Yet to Hit Them Even as Some Offer Remote Options](#), Law.com, September 6, 2024
- [Florida Defense Firms Adapt as Insurers Exit and Tort Reforms Limit Claims](#), Law.com, April 17, 2024
- [WSHC+B Makes Major Insurance Law Push With Several Key Additions](#), Citybiz, April 16, 2024
- [Meet the 2023 Power Leaders in Corporate Philanthropy](#), South Florida Business Journal, April 7, 2023
- [As Big Law Moved In, Which Law Firms Had the Most Growth in South Florida?](#), Daily Business Review, December 30, 2022
- [South Florida Business Journal's Corporate Giving/Corporate Foundations List](#), South Florida Business Journal, November 4, 2022
- [Gently Nudging Attorneys Back Into the Office: Amenities Played a Key Role in This South Florida Law Firm's Office Revamp](#), Daily Business Review, September 7, 2022
- [Geographic Barriers to Recruitment Fall as South Florida Legal Market Swells](#), Daily Business Review, August 2022
- [Caribbean American Attorneys Join WSHC+B South Florida Legal Team](#), South Florida Caribbean News, July 29, 2022
- [WSHC+B Adds Six Attorneys Across South Florida](#), citybiz, July 25, 2022
- [Leading The Way](#), Daily Business Review, February 10, 2022
- [Where South Florida Firms Are Targeting for Growth in 2022](#), Daily Business Review, December 23, 2021
- [Florida Law Firms Prepare For OSHA Vaccine Mandate](#), Daily Business Review, September 22, 2021
- [Making It Work: How South Florida's Summer Associate Programs Are Shaping Up in 2021](#), Daily Business Review, May 27, 2021
- [Law Firm Leaders: Weiss Serota's Mitch Burnstein](#), Law360, September 2, 2020
- [Despite Reopenings, Florida Firms Aren't Rushing Back to the Office](#), Daily Business Review, May 6, 2020
- [Florida law Firm Leaders Expect Bull Market Heading Into 2019](#), Daily Business Review, November 14, 2018
- [Mitch Burnstein Takes Over Weiss Serota Law Firm Leadership](#), Daily Business Review, January 12, 2018
- [Specialization at Weiss Serota Still Giving Midsize Firm an Edge](#), Daily Business Review, January 16, 2018
- [FIU raises threat of eminent domain in Youth Fair fight](#), Miami Herald, October 25, 2016
- [Book of Law 2013: Managing Partners](#), South Florida Business Journal, May 31, 2013
- [Lauderdale Condo Destroys Sand Dune](#), Sun-Sentinel, December 10, 2012
- [Ruling Dooms Dune](#), Sun-Sentinel, August 24, 2012

#### Presentations

- Florida Bar City, County, and Local Government Certification Review Lecturer, 2024-2026
- Podcast, Broward County Bar Association, 2023
- Right of Way Acquisition Program, TeamFL Transportation and Expressway Authority, 2020
- Law Firm Roundtable, South Florida Business and Wealth, 2018
- Eminent Domain, Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP), Fall Education Seminar, 2016