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A litigator who has handled over 80 jury trials and appeals involving land disputes throughout Florida, Mitch Burnstein is one of the state's most influential lawyers in property rights lawsuits involving eminent domain, inverse condemnation and constitutional takings.

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).

Mitch previously served as a lead prosecutor in the Broward State

PRACTICE AREAS

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

Attorney's Office and as a senior litigator in the Florida Attorney General's Office. He has been called upon to serve as an expert witness in property matters.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Florida Bar, Eminent Domain Committee, 1993-present
- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section, Executive Council, 2019-present
- Stephen R. Booher American Inns of Court, Barrister, 1994-present
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, 2018-present
- TeamFL Transportation and Expressway Authority, 2019-present

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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

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Press Mentions

- [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

- [Law Firm Roundtable](#), South Florida Business and Wealth, May 3, 2018
- [Eminent Domain](#), Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP), Fall Education Seminar, 2016

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1989

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

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

EDUCATION

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

Emory University, B.A., Economics, 1986