

## Peter A. Sachs

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Florida Bar Board Certified  
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### Education

J.D., Duke University  
B.A., Emory University

### Admissions

The Florida Bar  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of  
Florida  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of  
Florida

Peter Sachs, a Firm Shareholder and Board Member, represents individuals and institutions in the prosecution and defense of complex trust and estate, guardianship, and commercial litigation matters. Peter is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial and Business Litigation specialist and is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Peter holds leadership positions in various industry and community organizations and is consistently recognized as a preeminent attorney in his area of practice by peer review publications. He has written and lectured on such topics as will, guardianship and trust contests, land trust litigation, the parol evidence rule, removal to Federal Court, and pre-judgment remedies.

### Experience Highlights

#### Successful Defense of Publicly Traded Company in Defective Product Dispute

Representation of a publicly traded company in the oil and gas industry in jury trial and appellate proceedings against international shipping company in a multimillion-dollar claim relating to the supply of allegedly defective products and services.

#### \$70 Million Trust Contest

Representation of surviving spouse in \$70 million trust contest against children of first marriage, which resulted in client receiving over 90% of the trust residue.

#### Multiple Charitable Organization Defense of \$100 Million Estate Proceeding

Representation of seven charitable organizations in a \$100 million estate proceeding in defending a claim which would have resulted in the charities receiving no residuary distributions. The claim was settled, resulting in the charities receiving an amount in excess of \$30 million, almost 95% of the residue.

### **Undue Influence and Return of Funds in Will Dispute**

Representation of two siblings as personal representatives of their father's \$25 million estate. Successfully defended an attack of the decedent's will by his surviving spouse, resulting in a judgment finding the surviving spouse guilty of undue influence and ordering the return of funds misappropriated by her during the final months of the decedent's life.

### **\$7 Million in Damages Awarded for Improper Sale of Annuity Contracts**

Representation of trustees in successfully prosecuting a claim against a brokerage firm for the improper sale of \$30 million in annuity contracts to an elderly couple, receiving a jury award of over \$7 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

### **Successful Defense of Claims of Breach of Trust and Fiduciary Duty**

Successful defense of testator's daughter and attorney in fact at trial and in appellate proceedings against claims of breach of trust and breach of fiduciary duty associated with the administration of the testator's multi-million dollar revocable trust.

### **Successful Defense of Validity of Last Will and Testament**

Representation of personal representative in successfully defending the validity of the decedent's Last Will and Testament against claims of undue influence and lack of testamentary capacity.

## **Honors & Distinctions**

**Florida Trend**, Legal Elite, 2012

**Florida Super Lawyers**, 2006–2019

**Best Lawyers in America**, Commercial Litigation, 2019

**Best Lawyers in America**, Trust and Estates Litigation, 2011–Present

**Palm Beach Illustrated**, Top Lawyers, Trust and Estates, 2018

**Martindale-Hubbell**, AV® Peer Review Rated

## **Affiliations**

### **Palm Beach County Bar Association**

Probate & Guardianship Rules Committee, Member  
Circuit Civil Practice Committee Committee, Member

### **The Florida Bar**

Civil Procedure Rules Committee, Chair, 2001-2002  
Probate Rules Committee, Chair, 2006-2007  
Probate Litigation Committee, Member

### **U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida**

Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures Committee, Member, 2004-2012

**Alzheimer's Community Care**  
Board of Directors, 2018-Present

**Center for Children in Crisis**  
Past-Director, 2002-2005

**Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches**  
Past-Chair, Board of Directors, 1999-2000