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Honors & Distinctions

Florida Super Lawyers, 2010-2019

South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyer,
2010-Present

The Best Lawyers in
America, Commercial Litigation, 2015-
Present

Palm Beach Illustrated Top
Lawyers, Eminent Domain and
Condemnation Law, 2018

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review
Rated

Affiliations

Home Safe, Inc.
President, 2014-2016
Board Member, 2009-Present

The Florida Bar Foundation
Fellow, 2004-Present

Craig S. Barnard American Inns of Court
Emeritus
Member, 2002-2007

Leadership Palm Beach County
Board of Governors, 2013-2017



Rob Vargas practices statewide in the areas of complex commercial litigation, business torts, real property litigation and eminent domain. Rob advises local and national clients on a variety of business disputes, including trade secrets, confidentiality agreements, non-compete agreements, business contracts, tortious interference and breaches of fiduciary duties. He also advises property owners throughout Florida in all eminent domain related proceedings. He practices before Florida State and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.

Rob is consistently recognized as a Florida Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine, as a Top Lawyer by the South Florida Legal Guide, and holds an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, awarded to only those lawyers with the highest ethical standards and legal ability. Additionally, Rob has been named a Top Lawyer of 2018 by Palm Beach Illustrated. He is actively involved in various industry and community organizations, serving as the former President of Home Safe, Inc., as a Fellow of the Florida Bar Foundation, and an emeritus member of the Craig S. Barnard American Inns of Court. Rob is a 2006 graduate of the Leadership Palm Beach County (LPBC) Engage Program, designed to unite and educate the county's most promising leaders. He has since held leadership roles within the organization, including previously serving on LPBC's Board of Governors and as a former Chair of LPBC's Grow program. Rob has also served as Chair of The Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism and as a member of the Civil Procedure Rules Committee and Rules of Judicial Administration Committee. Rob is a member of the Association of Eminent Domain Professionals and currently serves on the Florida Bar's Eminent Domain Committee.

Experience Highlights

Complete Defense Verdict for Attorney Accused of Misfeasance
Representation of attorney in dispute with partnership claiming that the attorney refused to repay a loan lent to finance trust litigation. After a five day trial, the jury returned a complete defense verdict for the attorney and the appellate court affirmed.

Grow Program Chair, 2010-2016
o Engage Class, 2006

The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism

Committee Member 2004-2010
Chair, 2009-2010

The Florida Bar Civil Procedure Rules Committee

Committee Member, 2010-2016

The Florida Bar Rules of Judicial Administration Committee

Committee Member, 2012-2015

The Florida Bar Eminent Domain Committee

Committee Member, 2017-Present

Association of Eminent Domain Professionals

Member

Education

J.D., Florida State University

B.S., Georgetown University

Admissions

The Florida Bar

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Successful Defense of Claim to Enforce Letter of Intent as a Binding Contract

Representation of seller in dispute with developer related to a previously executed letter of intent to convey a 93 acre parcel of land for \$10.5 million. The developer sought to enforce the letter of intent as a binding contract to sell the property after negotiations did not result in a final agreement. The state trial court granted final summary judgment in favor of the seller and the appellate court affirmed.

Successful Defense of Developer's Claim for Specific Performance Regarding Purchase of Property

Representation of trust in dispute with developer who sought to specifically enforce the terms of a purchase and sale agreement of 8 acres of land for \$5 million against the trust. The developer also claimed that one trustee tortuously interfered with the agreement. The federal district court granted final summary judgment on all counts in favor of the trust and trustee shortly before trial.

Defense of Former Officers of a Florida Utility Company

Representation of former officers of a Florida utility company in action for breach of fiduciary duties, tortious interference, misappropriation/theft of trade secrets, unfair competition, and commercial bribery.

High-Tech Start-Up Billion Dollar Dispute

Representation of principals of high-tech start-up company in billion dollar dispute over alleged theft of trade secrets and breaches of fiduciary duties.

Multi-Million Dollar Dispute Over Royalties of Dietary Supplement

Representation of developers of dietary supplements in federal court and before the American Arbitration Association in a multi-million dollar dispute over royalties against international dietary supplement retailer.

National Law Firm Legal Malpractice Claim

Representation of a national law firm in legal malpractice claim regarding an international exchange of corporate shares.

Representation of High Tech Start-Up Against Automation Conglomerate

Representation of telecommunications start-up and principals against international automation conglomerate in a multibillion-dollar claim involving multiple technology issues related to data transmission.