

Stephen C. Richman

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Location

505 South Flagler Drive
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Education

J.D., Tulane University Law School

B.A., Vanderbilt University, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida



Jones Foster Shareholder Stephen C. Richman is a member of the firm's **Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution** and **Trust & Estate Litigation** practices groups. He represents businesses and individuals in commercial disputes, probate and fiduciary litigation, and class actions, among other general civil litigation. Stephen approaches his engagements as both counselor and advocate, with the goal of helping his clients achieve an efficient and favorable outcome while zealously representing their interests.

Stephen has defended clients in state and federal courts throughout Florida, as well as in arbitration. He has substantial experience representing lawyers and law firms in complex legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims, including claims brought by federal equity receivers and putative investor classes arising from SEC and other government enforcement actions.

In addition, Stephen prosecutes and defends individuals in complex trust and estate litigation involving allegations of undue influence, lack of capacity, and tortious interference with an expectancy.

Stephen has further defended businesses in class action litigation under consumer protection statutes, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Florida's Telephone Solicitation Act (FTSA), and Florida's Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA), as well as common-law claims arising out of an alleged data breach.

On behalf of the Firm, Stephen serves as Professional Responsibility Shareholder.

Stephen is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, The Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section and Trial Lawyers Section, and is actively involved in the community. He serves on the Board of Governors for the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and on the Finance Committee of Rosarian Academy. He has been recognized by peer-reviewed industry publications, including *Florida Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star and *Palm Beach Illustrated's* "Top Lawyers" list for Legal Malpractice Law.

While earning his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, Stephen served as a judicial intern to the Honorable John S. Bryant of U.S. District Court for the Middle

District of Tennessee and the Honorable Sam A. Lindsay of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Experience Highlights

Defended law firm in separate, but contemporaneous actions brought by a federal equity receiver (legal malpractice) and a putative class of investors (violation of state blue sky statutes and intentional common law torts) arising out of an alleged financial fraud.*

Defended law firm sued for legal malpractice in litigation arising out of the Stanford Ponzi scheme.*

Successfully argued motion to exclude late designated witness from testifying at the final hearing of a multimillion-dollar auditor malpractice arbitration.*

Successfully argued motion to strike class allegations in class action filed in Florida state court.*

Successfully argued request to bifurcate discovery in TCPA class action in federal court.*

Argued and obtained summary judgment for insurance agent alleged to have procured insurance policy that did not cover plaintiff's damages.*

Assisted in defeating franchisor's application for temporary restraining order in contentious breach of contract/trademark infringement lawsuit involving real estate brokerage.*

**Matters handled prior to joining Jones Foster.*

Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America
Commercial Litigation, 2027

Florida Super Lawyers
Rising Star, 2019-2023

Palm Beach Illustrated
Top Lawyers, Legal Malpractice Law, 2023, 2025-Present

Affiliations

The Florida Bar
Real Property, Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section, 2026-Present
Trial Lawyers Section, 2026-Present

Palm Beach County Bar Association
Member

American Bar Association
Member

Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Board of Governors, 2020-Present

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Chair, Young Friends of the HSPBC, 2021-2023

Rosarian Academy

Finance Committee, 2022-Present

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