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Location

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Education

J.D., Florida State University College of Law

B.S., Florida State University

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. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Steven Rothman is a shareholder in the **Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution** practice group and a member of Jones Foster's Board of Directors. Steve chairs the firm's **Complex Trial Team** and focuses his practice on civil litigation with an emphasis on product liability, wrongful death, personal injury, defamation, real estate, and commercial litigation. He represents individuals, businesses, and governmental bodies, and his cases have included numerous multimillion-dollar claims. Steve has been a Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial attorney for over 25 years, the highest level of evaluation by The Florida Bar.

As a result of decades of high-stakes litigation experience, Steve has gained extensive knowledge, skills, and understanding of the intricacies of various industries, enabling him to better serve clients across all sectors. Steve handles cases in areas including personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, commercial disputes, pharmaceutical and nutritional supplements, motor vehicles, butane stoves, medical devices, mold contamination, electrical contact & electrocution, under & above-ground utility cases, nursing home negligence, premises liability, negligent security, equestrian and farm cases, psychiatric & psychological damage, and catastrophic illnesses and injuries.

Steve's cases often involve complex technical issues. His interest in the design and function of products began at a young age as the son of an auto parts dealer and he was a vocationally trained mechanic prior to becoming a lawyer. Steve holds a Certificate of Achievement from Michelin North America, Inc. for completion of the Tire and Vehicle Dynamics Course presented by Hodges Transportation, Inc. at the Nevada Automotive Test Center. He has also participated in dynamic vehicular stability testing at the Transportation Research Center in East Liberty, Ohio, and in tire and wheel training at Standards Testing Laboratories in Massilon, Ohio.

Steve is a Past President and current board member of the **American Board of Trial Advocates Palm Beach Chapter**, an invitation-only national association of experienced trial lawyers and judges, considered to be one of the most prestigious affiliations for trial attorneys. Steve's leadership role in ABOTA adds to his honors and recognition in the legal industry, which includes being named *Best Lawyers in America* 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants in the West Palm Beach metro area. He is also recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers and*

Florida Trend's Top Lawyers lists and holds an AV Peer Review Rating by *Martindale-Hubbell®, t* he highest peer rating based upon legal ability and ethical standards.

Experience Highlights

- Multimillion-dollar catastrophic damage cases involving physical and psychological injuries, burns, amputations, paralysis, traumatic brain injuries, and death.
- High-stakes litigation experience in complex product liability matters across product industry sectors.
- First-party and third-party claims involving home, auto, commercial, and business liability insurance, including COVID-19 business interruption and extra expense matters.
- Trust and Estate litigation.
- Claims of injury due to mold exposure and indoor air quality deficiencies.
- Commercial/Business disputes.
- "Slayer Statute" cases involving claims to inherit a decedent's estate by a person responsible for the death.
- Nursing home negligence claims involving injury and death.
- Defamation (libel and slander) and tortious interference with business relationships.
- *Johnson v. Davis* claims involving fraudulent nondisclosure of residential defects.
- Equine litigation involving horse ownership and conversion and matters relating to the promotion and operation of equine events.
- Losses due to crop, nursery, and tree damage.

Honors & Distinctions

The Best Lawyers in America
Lawyer of the Year, West Palm Beach, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2023
Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2022-Present
Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2022-Present
Commercial Litigation, 2020-Present

Florida Super Lawyers
Personal Injury General: Defense, 2009, 2017-Present

Palm Beach Illustrated
Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2023-2025
Top Lawyers, Personal Injury Litigation, 2023-Present
Top Lawyers, Product Liability Litigation, 2023-2025
Top Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2024

Florida Trend
Legal Elite, Commercial Litigation, 2022

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Affiliations

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American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Palm Beach Chapter
Past President, 2023-2024
President, 2022-2023
President-Elect, 2021-2022
Vice President, 2021
Board of Directors, 2021-Present
Remote Jury Trials Committee, 2020-2022

The Florida Bar
Trial Lawyers Section
Member

Presidential Estates HOA
Board Member, 2020-2023

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