

## Steven J. Rothman

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Florida Bar Board Certified  
Civil Trial Attorney

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### 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-  
Present  
Top Lawyers, Personal Injury Litigation,  
2023-Present  
Top Lawyers, Product Liability Litigation,  
2023-Present

#### Florida Trend



Steven Rothman is a Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution Shareholder and a member of Jones Foster's Board of Directors. Steve 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 multi-million 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, 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 litigates in a wide variety of matters, often in cases with 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 automotive 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.



Legal Elite, Commercial Litigation, 2022

## Martindale-Hubbell

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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

Steve is the immediate Past President 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®*, the highest peer rating based upon legal ability and ethical standards.

## Experience Highlights

- Represented an 88-year-old man with terminal cancer who sued for the return of funds that were stolen by his attorney. Following a non-jury trial, the court found in favor of the client on all counts, ordered that all disputed funds be returned, and reserved jurisdiction to award attorneys' fees, pre-judgment interest, and costs.
- Obtained summary judgment for a butane canister distributor in a product liability lawsuit involving a portable butane stove explosion and severe burn injuries.
- Following a four-day trial, a jury awarded \$1.22 million to the personal representative of a decedent's estate. The case involved promissory notes between the decedent and his ex-spouse and life insurance policy proceeds that were paid to the ex-spouse in excess of the debt owed. Following trial, the court entered a final judgment for the full amount requested by the client at trial.
- 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.
- Claims of injury due to mold exposure and indoor air quality deficiencies.
- "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.

## Affiliations

### American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Past President, Palm Beach Chapter, 2023-2024

President, Palm Beach Chapter, 2022-2023

President-Elect, Palm Beach Chapter, 2021-2022

Vice President, Palm Beach Chapter, 2021

Board of Directors, Palm Beach Chapter, 2021-Present

Member, Remote Jury Trials Committee, Palm Beach Chapter, 2020-Present

### Presidential Estates HOA

Board Member, 2020-Present

