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Ben Zuckerman considers himself a problem solver—and he believes that litigation is just one part of the toolbox he uses to help solve his clients' problems. When providing counsel to his clients, Ben tries first to discern what their real problem is. From there, he then figures out what the client wants and truly needs, which he understands are two distinct things. Ben strives to strip away his clients' preconceived notions and works to help them gain a realistic understanding of their problem. He understands the importance of establishing an active, in-depth dialogue with his clients in order to devise a strategy that achieves what is needed to fix their issues.

In his practice, Ben handles a broad spectrum of complex commercial and business matters. He is experienced in handling disputes involving partnerships and joint ventures, intellectual property, probate, real property, and trusts, as well as state licensing and transactional matters, among other issues. Ben has a strong record in mediation, arbitration, and litigation in state and federal courts, as well as before arbitral bodies.

In his distinguished career, Ben has received many accolades. A Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, Ben was named a Top Lawyer by South Florida Legal Guide each year from 2014 to 2019. He has also been listed to Best Lawyers in America® on multiple occasions. Ben is a member of a number of associations and organizations, including the American Trial Lawyers Association, American Civil Liberties Union, and Southern Poverty Law Center.

Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1974

- Law Review, 1972-74; Note and Case Editor, 1973-74 Author: A Procedural Due Process - The Prior Hearing Rule and the Demise of Ex Parte Remedies, 53 B.U.L. Rev. 41 (1973)

A.B., Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1971
Phillips Exeter Academy, 1967

Bar Admissions

Florida (1999)
Maine (1974)
South Carolina (1994)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit (1997)
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit (2000)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1996)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2000)
U.S. Court of Federal Claims (1998)
U.S. District Court, Arizona (1998)
U.S. District Court, Maine (1974)
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (2000)
U.S. District Court, South Carolina (1995)
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (2001)

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution

Practice Areas

Complex Commercial Litigation
Corporate
Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes
Real Estate Litigation
Trust & Probate Litigation

Awards & Honors

- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyer, 2014-2019
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, 1986-1987, 1989-1990, and 1991-1992
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

- American Bar Association, Member
  - Section of Litigation
  - Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee
  - Section of Business Law
- American Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- American Civil Liberties Union, Member
- Federal Bar Association, South Florida
- Southern Poverty Law Center, Member
- Urban Land Institute, Former Member
- Volunteer coach for the soccer, basketball and baseball youth leagues in Boca Raton, Florida (2000-Present)
- President: Boca Raton Youth Baseball, Inc. (2005-2010)
- Pro Bono participant in Palm Beach County Independent Living Project

In the News

Twenty-one Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in South Florida Legal Guide as Top Attorneys
October 31, 2019

South Florida Legal Guide Names 21 Berger Singerman Attorneys as Top Lawyers
March 7, 2019

South Florida Legal Guide Names 23 Berger Singerman Attorneys as Top Lawyers
January 9, 2018

Doing Business in Florida Blog

What Retailers Should Consider During Hurricane Season
June 6, 2017

Note, Although a Recent Decision of the Fourth District Court of Appeal Reconfirms the Existence of an Exception to the “Intra-Corporate Conspiracy Doctrine,” the Exception Is Quite Limited
April 13, 2017

Careful: The Florida Supreme Court Clarified the Existence of Limits to the Litigation Privilege Doctrine and Provided a Clear Example of Why One Should Not Read Too Much into Court Decisions
March 15, 2017

Get Ahead of the Storm: Issues for Lease Considerations
June 9, 2016

Corporate Divorce: Control Emotions. The Effort Should Be to Maximize Real Value, Not Inflict Pain or Get Even. Why a Negotiated Remedy Is Often Best
June 9, 2016

The Benefit of Requiring an Unhappy Shareholder or Unhappy Member in a Closely Held Business to Sue Derivatively
May 8, 2016

Beware: You May Not Have a Direct Claim Against Your Bad-Acting Co-Shareholder or Co-Member
March 7, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP
- Akerman Senterfitt P.A
- Greenberg Traurig, P.A.