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Stephanie M. Chaissan is a member of the firm's Dispute Resolution Team and co-leader of the Construction Law practice team. Her practice focuses on construction and complex commercial litigation in both state and federal court.

Stephanie's experience includes commercial and business litigation, including claims arising out of shareholder disputes, business torts, officer and director liability, breaches of contract, breaches of warranty, construction defects, statutory violations, breaches of fiduciary duty, corporate governance, fraud, real estate, landlord and tenant disputes, and civil appeals. She also has experience representing owners, including condominium and homeowners' associations, and real estate developers and other construction entities in a wide range of matters, including contractual disputes, statutory violations, and construction defects.

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law

- Articles and Comments Editor, Inter-American Law Review
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B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Delaware

Bar Admissions

Virginia (Inactive)
District of Columbia
Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution

Practice Areas

Complex Commercial Litigation
Appellate
Construction
Construction Litigation
Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes
Real Estate Litigation
Fiduciary Litigation

Representative Matters

- Represent Foundation Risk Partners Corp. and its affiliates in breach of contract and fiduciary duty, non-compete and trade secret litigation with Brown & Brown, Inc.
- Represent Chapter 7 Trustee in multi-million-dollar bankruptcy adversary proceeding against a division of a Fortune 100 company for recovery of fraudulent transfers.
- Represent owner of commercial construction project in pursuing damages estimated at more than \$30 million for construction defects and delay from general contractor.
- Represent North Florida gasoline distributor in a multimillion-dollar franchise dispute with its supplier.
- Represent manufacturer of sportswear and lounge wear in dispute with a former employee.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of historic condominium-hotel association and four members of its board of directors in multi-million dollar commercial litigation action brought by owners of over forty units for breach of fiduciary duty, statutory and contractual violations, and civil conspiracy arising out of allegedly unauthorized construction and special assessments.
- Drafted appellate answer brief resulting in per curiam affirmation in favor of nationwide lender on a quiet title dispute.
- Drafted initial and reply appellate briefs on behalf of condominium association and board members resulting in reversal and remand of trial court's final judgment as to liability in case involving attempted sale of condominium building.
- Represented property owner and management company in putative class action by former tenants alleging violation of the Landlord-Tenant Act and breach of contract and obtained mediated settlement significantly limiting clients' exposure.

- Represented home health nursing provider in multiple actions for breach of contract and nonpayment by patients and obtained judgments in favor of client.
- Obtained accommodation for homeowner in ADA claim against cooperative association allowing owner to

Awards & Honors

- *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2016 - 2018

Community Activities / Associations

- Florida Bar Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy, Class VII
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Miami-Dade Chapter, Health & Wellness Committee member
- Dade County Bar Association, Member
- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section; Business Law Section; Young Lawyers Division
- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation; Young Lawyers Division
- The Spellman-Hoeveler American Inn of Court, Member

In the News

Legal Management Quotes Stephanie Chaissan in, "The State of the Summer Experience"
May 3, 2021

Berger Singerman Launches Construction Practice with Jeffrey Wertman and Stephanie Chaissan as Leads
February 10, 2020

Berger Singerman Elevates Stephanie M. Chaissan and Marianne Curtis to Partner
January 1, 2020

Berger Singerman Continues Growth with Two New Hires and Creation of Innovation Advisor Position
August 26, 2018

Publications

South Florida Business & Wealth, "Coronavirus creates legal, supply and HR issues in construction field"
March 18, 2020

Law360, "Alternative Resolution Can Streamline Construction Disputes"
November 6, 2018

Doing Business in Florida Blog

3D Printing: New Technology, New Risks
March 17, 2021

"Less than Expected" Effect on Construction Supply Chain from COVID-19?
June 16, 2020

Balancing the Need for Emergency Repairs against the Risk of Destroying Evidence
May 7, 2019

Prior Affiliations

- Fowler White Burnett, P.A.,
- Siegfried Rivera Hyman Lerner De La Torre Mars & Sobel, P.A