



Jonathan B. Morton

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OVERVIEW

Jonathan Morton serves as trial and litigation counsel for both corporate and individual clients. These matters have arisen in the context of class actions, derivative actions, arbitrations, mediations and appeals. Jonathan focuses on complex and commercial matters with significant experience in contractual, business tort and intellectual property disputes. Jonathan uses this experience not only to litigate on behalf of his clients, but also to advise his clients how to use best practices to avoid liability.

Managing IP Stars has recognized Jonathan as a Trademark and Patent Star every year since 2020. Jonathan has handled numerous patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret cases providing him with extensive experience in protecting his client's intellectual property. In addition to his intellectual property experience, Jonathan has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in cases on a wide variety of claims, including breach of contract, construction defect (including professional negligence), and commercial and consumer fraud such as violations of Florida's consumer statutes, including Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and Florida's Telephone Solicitation Act.

Jonathan is an A.V. rated lawyer – the highest available rating given by Martindale Hubbell for legal ability and professional ethics.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed as an "IP Star" in *Managing IP*, 2020-2023

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Jonathan Morton believes strongly in giving back to his community through pro bono work in both federal and state courts and community activities. His pro bono contributions include prevailing on appeal in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeal on behalf of an asylum seeker, defending victims in domestic violence court, and handling multiple federal court claims for the return of a child to his/her home country pursuant to the Hague Convention. For many years, Jonathan oversaw the Miami office's pro bono work. Even after leaving that role, Jonathan routinely oversees and trains younger lawyers on their pro bono litigation matters.

- Jonathan Morton is a member of the American Bar Association and the Miami Dade County Bar Association
- Jonathan Morton has guest lectured at University of Miami School of Law.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Jonathan Morton has spoken state-wide on the topics of restrictive covenants and Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1992
- B.A., Tufts University, 1989 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 30 August 2021, Supreme Court of Florida Amends Rule 1.280 to Add Apex Doctrine to Corporate Officials
- 7 June 2021, SCOTUS Resolves Circuit Split, Limits the Scope of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act
- September 2015, Arbitration World

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Jonathan has published and been interviewed on topics involving international arbitration, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, malicious prosecution, cyberspace and potential civil and criminal liabilities.

- Co-Author, "Fla. Supreme Court Amends Rule That Extends Reach of 'Apex Doctrine'," Daily Business Review, September 10, 2021
- Co-Author, "With Malicious Prosecution an Option, Carefully Consider Merits Before Filing", March 24, 2017
- Co-Author, "Economic Loss Rule: Courts Are Still Sorting Through Impact on Tort Claims", December 2, 2016

- Co-Author, “Force Majeure in the Age of Zika: Allocating Risks in Commercial Contracts”, Daily Business Review, September 29, 2016
- Co-Author, “Use of Offers of Judgment in Florida Arbitration”, Daily Business Review, November 10, 2015

NEWS & EVENTS

- 23 October 2023, K&L Gates' Intellectual Property Practice, Lawyers Recognized in 2023 *Managing IP* Magazine's "IP Stars"
- 6 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 *Managing IP* Magazine's 'IP Stars'
- 3 June 2021, K&L Gates Lawyers Ranked as 2021 'IP Stars' by Managing IP Magazine
- 1 December 2020, K&L Gates Advises The Goldfield Corporation on Merger with First Reserve
- 29 June 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Ranked as Trademark and Patent 'IP Stars' by *Managing IP Magazine*

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- International Arbitration
- IP Litigation
- Mass Tort
- Product Liability

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Defended a prominent construction company in multiple multimillion-dollar construction litigations. Obtained extremely favorable settlements.
- Successfully defended a client in an FTCA class action.
- Successfully defended a client in an FDUTPA class action.
- Lead counsel in a corporate governance claim in multi-day AAA complex commercial arbitration hearing. Won a favorable arbitration decision.
- Defended a client in a multi-day complex JAMS commercial arbitration. After mediation, the matter settled favorably.
- Prevailed at the 11th Circuit in a published opinion affirming certain right to asylum petitioners.
- Local counsel on multiple patent infringement matters.

- Prevailed in Supreme Court of Florida on a complex reverse mortgage issue.
- Lead counsel in a multi-day AAA arbitration related to a breach of contract claim. The case resulted in a favorable ruling from arbitrator.
- Lead counsel on multiple occasions in prosecuting and defending restrictive covenant matter.
- Lead counsel on multiple occasions in the defense of trademark infringement lawsuits.
- Lead counsel in obtaining on multiple occasions nationwide trademark injunction against counterfeiters.