



Jonathan B. Morton

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OVERVIEW

Jonathan Morton serves as trial and litigation counsel for both corporate and individual clients. 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 on drafting their purchase orders and contracts and how to use best practices to avoid liability.

Jonathan has extensive experience practicing commercial litigation in state and federal court, and has arbitrated numerous matters. Jonathan has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in cases on a wide variety of claims including breach of contract, intellectual property, commercial fraud, breach of commercial code warranties, violation of Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, breach of a restrictive covenant, consumer fraud, copyright infringement, defamation, civil liability for cyberstalking, securities violations and products liability. These matters have arisen in the context of class actions, derivative actions, arbitrations, mediations and appeals.

Jonathan has experience with premise liability matters handling cases involving allegations of failure to provide adequate security, slip and falls and property design defects. His early experience representing plaintiffs in personal injury matters has given him insight in judging cases from both the plaintiff's and defendant's perspective.

Jonathan has handled multiple federal court claims for the return of a child to his/her home country pursuant to the Hague Convention.

Jonathan is an A.V. rated lawyer – the highest available rating given by Martindale Hubbell for legal ability and professional ethics. Jonathan was recognized by Managing IP Stars as a Trademark and Patent Star.

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

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. Jonathan has litigated pro bono matters in both federal and state

courts, and oversees and trains younger lawyers on their pro bono litigation matters. These matters have included international custody matters litigated in federal court pursuant to the Hague Convention and domestic violence matters litigated in Miami-Dade Circuit Court.

- Jonathan Morton has served for many years on his neighborhood homeowner's association.
- 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

- September 2015, Arbitration World (*Alerts/Updates*)

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, "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

- 1 December 2020, K&L Gates Advises The Goldfield Corporation on Merger with First Reserve (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 29 June 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Ranked as Trademark and Patent ‘IP Stars’ by *Managing IP Magazine (Rankings & Recognitions)*

AREAS OF FOCUS

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