

Our Team Working Together

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Tony Carriuolo has extensive experience in a variety of fields, including complex business litigation, disputes affecting commercial real estate and related investment interests, litigation involving securitized lending vehicles, advocacy as special counsel to governmental agencies, adversarial proceedings adverse to public bodies, and engagements as special litigation counsel to Chapter 11 debtors in possession, bankruptcy trustees and major lenders. He has experience in pursuing and defending claims asserted against directors and officers of publicly-traded companies, including coverage disputes with their insurers. He has represented clients in shareholder disputes, trade litigation, controversies affecting commercial real estate properties, and disputes resulting from governmental decisions affecting proposed development. His litigation practice has included employment-related cases, such as the successful pursuit of embezzlement claims, the defense of management before the federal courts involving claims of harassment, discrimination or wrongful termination, and litigation resulting from hiring raids between competitors. He has positive experience in managing parallel litigations pending before several tribunals (including international courts), with efficiency.

Tony has appeared as special litigation counsel in a variety of courts outside of Florida including, without limitation, the United States Bankruptcy and District Courts for the District of Delaware, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York and for the District of Puerto Rico.

Education

J.D., Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center

- Notes and Comments Editor of the Nova Law Review
- Active member of the Moot Court Society

B.A. in Public Administration, Florida Atlantic University

- Faculty Scholar

Bar Admissions

Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

U.S. Supreme Court

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Complex Fraud & Securities Litigation

Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes

Real Estate Litigation

Trust & Probate Litigation

Representative Matters

- Creative representation of major developers of multi-family and commercial properties throughout Florida suffering from financial turmoil, including defense/counterclaims in actions commenced by solo or syndicated major lenders
- Special litigation counsel to Chapter 11 debtors in possession, bankruptcy trustees and major lenders in large cases (Florida and elsewhere), including prosecution of major insurance claims, and major fraudulent transfer claims
- Special litigation counsel to Liquidating Trust pursuing claims against former directors and officers of defunct international group of companies, including parallel participation in US securities class action and in litigations throughout Europe and Asia
- Representation of directors and officers regarding insurance coverage disputes
- Adversarial proceedings at all levels of local government, representing aggrieved landowners/developers
- Represented public bodies as special litigation counsel regarding inter-governmental control and funding disputes involving contractual, statutory or constitutional issues, including:
 - Defended the School Board of Broward County against charter school funding lawsuit seeking \$27 million and having statewide implications
 - Represented the School Board of Broward County against a third-party service provider, seeking reimbursement of monies not recovered in a prior settlement of federal court litigation against the School District, in which the service provider's acts and omissions had exposed the District to economic risk. Assisted the School District in reaching a favorable, cost-effective settlement of the state court action and was also successful in crafting a favorable compromise of the prior federal litigation (valued at over \$13 million) after having been engaged to defend those claims as that case was heading to a jury trial
 - Represented the Health Care District of Palm Beach County in actions relating to operation/control and budgeting of rural and urban hospitals, and associated creditor disputes in State and Bankruptcy courts
 - Represented the City of Pompano Beach in defense of multi-million dollar inverse condemnation claims at trial and appellate levels
- Representation of clients in complex real estate litigation, including defense of joint venturer/partnership claims

- International litigation involving \$100+ million bank fraud claims and including D&O exposure in related securities class action litigation
- Representation of minority shareholder group concerning impairments of investments in closely-held entities and diversion of corporate assets
- Representations of estate and trust fiduciaries adverse to fiduciary duty and breach of trust claims
- Representation of borrowers and carve-out guarantors in a variety of litigations involving CMBS constituents

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2013 - 2024
- *Florida's Super Lawyers* (2007-2020; 2024)
- *The South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyer (2009-present)
- Named one of the "Corporate Elite" by the *South Florida Business Journal*, 1999
- AV® Preeminent™ rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*

Community Activities / Associations

- LifeNet4Families, Board of Directors
- The Florida Bar Foundation, Board of Directors (Supreme Court of Florida appointee) (2007-2013)
 - Executive Committee (2009-2010 and 2012-2013)
 - Administration of Justice Grant Committee (2007-2013)
 - Grant Program Committee (2011-2013)
 - Investment Committee (2009-2013)
 - Medal of Honor Awards Committee (2009-2010)
- Appointed to The Florida Bar's Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services (2010)
- Appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida's Task Force on Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation (2006-2008)
- Fellow, The Florida Bar Foundation
- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2016)
- State Chair for Florida, American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2019-2024)
- Elected to Board of Regents, American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2024)
- Member, The Florida Bar's Business Law Section
- Member, The Federal Bar Association, South Florida Chapter
- Member, American Bar Association's Section of Litigation
- ABA Section of Litigation, Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee
 - Website and Social Media Editor for the Business Torts Litigation Committee (2012-2013)
 - Appointed to Host Committee for ABA Section of Litigation's Midyear Meeting (April 2011) in Miami, FL
 - Membership; Regional CLE; All-Circuit Case Note Co-Chair
- ABA Section of Litigation, Committee on Corporate Counsel
 - Program Co-Chair, ABA Section of Litigation's Committee on Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting (Rancho Mirage, CA, February 2010)
 - Former Vice-Chair, Subcommittee on Complex Torts
 - Litigation Management Subcommittee Co-Chair (2013-present)

- Legal Aid Society of Broward County’s Executive Council (2005–2011); Chair, January 2006 – January 2008
- Past Member, Valley Bank’s Community Bank Board
- “Celebrity Waiter”, Broward Partnership for the Homeless’ annual “Breakfast for Champions of the Homeless”
- Key supporter and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and a long-standing past member of its Broward County Governing Board
- Past Member, Florida Bar’s Committee for Equal Opportunities in the Profession
- Past Member, Florida Bar’s Civil Procedure Rules Committee, and Subcommittee Chairman
- Volunteer for Florida Supreme Court’s “Justice Teaching” initiative — regularly instructed elementary school children on constitutional rights and the judicial branch of government
- Merit Badge Counselor (Citizenship) for local Boy Scout Troop (and past Committee Chair)

In the News

Fifty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 15, 2024

Forty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 18, 2022

Thirty-nine Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2021

Thirty-Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2020

Twenty-Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 8, 2020

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

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2020 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2019

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
May 29, 2019

Order Declaring the Florida Fair Foreclosure Statute as Codified at FLA. STAT. §702.10(2) Unconstitutional
April 7, 2019

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

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2018

Thirty-One Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 17, 2018

American Bar Association Litigation News quotes Anthony Carriuolo in, "New Federal Evidence Rules Reflect Modern World?"
Spring 2018

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

Law360 quotes Anthony Carriuolo in, "Ruling Puts Banks On Hook For Fla. Real Estate Back Taxes"
October 29, 2017

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2018 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2017

American Bar Association Litigation News quotes Anthony Carriuolo in, "How Private Is Your Home in the Age of Alexa?"
July 31, 2017

Thirty-Two Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 8, 2017

American Bar Association quotes Anthony Carriuolo on "Attorney-Client Privilege Does Not Apply to Former Employees"
January 30, 2017

The American Bar quotes Anthony Carriuolo in, "Attorney-Client Privilege Does Not Apply to Former Employees"
January 30, 2017

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2016

Thirty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 13, 2016

Events & Speaking Engagements

Tony Carriuolo, Moderator, "Ethical Questions That Arise in Litigation: How Inside and Outside Counsel Protect the Client" for the American College of Mortgage Attorneys Annual Meeting
September 11, 2020

Tony Carriuolo, Panelist, "Remedies and Other Enforcement Issues Regarding Commercial Real Property Loans: A National Perspective," for the American College of Mortgage Attorneys Annual Meeting
September 5, 2019

Tony Carriuolo, Panelist, "Workout Concepts and Strategies for Distressed Retail Assets," for the American College of Mortgage Attorneys Annual Meeting
September 23, 2018

Tony Carriuolo, Moderator, "Litigation Management Roundtable, ABA Section of Litigation," Committee on Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting
February 16, 2018

Tony Carriuolo, Moderator, "Litigation Management Roundtable, ABA Section of Litigation," Committee on Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting
February 15, 2017

Tony Carriuolo, Moderator, "Litigation Management Roundtable, ABA Section of Litigation," Committee on Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting
February 13, 2016

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Blog Update: Florida's Commercial Real Property Receivership Act Becomes Law
July 6, 2020

The Florida Legislature Passes a Comprehensive Commercial Real Estate Property Receivership Act
March 23, 2020

Why Amazon's Foray Into the Retail Grocery Space Should Concern Shopping Center Owners and Their
Lenders Too
August 28, 2017

Pressure's Building on South Florida's Urban (Re)Development
December 5, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott – Fort Lauderdale (1994-2000)
- Fine Jacobson Schwartz Nash Block & England – Miami and Fort Lauderdale (1984-1994)