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Stephanie Marie Chaissan is a Partner on the firm's Dispute Resolution Team. Her practice focuses on complex commercial and business litigation in both state and federal court. She represents individuals and corporate entities in a variety of litigation matters, including claims arising out of shareholder disputes, business torts, officer and director liability, breaches of contract, statutory violations, breaches of fiduciary duty, corporate governance, fraud, real estate, landlord and tenant disputes, and civil appeals. She has experience in all phases of litigation, including appeals.

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
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 curium 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.

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2016 - 2018, 2021-2023

Community Activities / Associations

- Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar
  - Executive Council (2025-2028)
  - Vice Chair of Advanced Trial Advocacy committee (2026-2027)
- Law360 Florida Editorial Board Member (2025)
- Frenz for a Cause, Inc., Treasurer
- Florida Bar Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy, Class VII
- The Florida Bar, Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers Committee; Trial Lawyers Section; Business Law Section
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Miami Dade Chapter, Member
- Miami Dade Bar, Member
- Posse Miami, Career Coach

In the News

James Gassenheimer and Stephanie Chaissan Elected to Leadership Roles in The Florida Bar's Trial Lawyers Section
July 1, 2025

Stephanie Chaissan Selected for Law360's 2025 Florida Editorial Advisory Board
March 20, 2025

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

Berger Singerman Represents Charles Lydecker, Alan Florez and Ben Barbieri as founding partners of Foundation Risk Partners in Stunning Court Victory over Brown & Brown Insurance
December 6, 2022

Twenty-three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 27, 2022

Nineteen Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 24, 2021

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

Events & Speaking Engagements

Stephanie Chaissan, Moderator, Business Law: Perspectives from In-house Counsel and Practitioners, Bench & Bar Conference
February 18, 2022

Doing Business in Florida Blog

When Does Litigation Misconduct Become Fatal?
August 28, 2026

Supreme Court Warns Litigators: Even Void Judgments Must Be Challenged Promptly
February 24, 2026

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