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Fred Goldberg's practice centers on complex commercial litigation, including the defense of consumer claims against financial services companies, real estate litigation, transnational actions and arbitrations, appellate practice, business torts and contract disputes, and the prosecution of and defense against class actions. His litigation and appellate experience includes an emphasis upon personal and subject matter jurisdiction and venue issues. He has successfully represented clients in state and federal courts across the country.

During the past several years, his practice has focused upon financial services and mortgage-related litigation involving the defense of claims brought by borrowers and consumers. He has served as lead national counsel for a leading vendor of services and technology in the mortgage industry in the defense of claims relating to the robo-signing of documents in connection with foreclosures. These matters typically involve both common law and statutory causes of action, including RICO, FDCPA, TILA, RESPA, fraud and deceptive trade practices claims relating to the assignment and securitization of mortgages, including claims of wrongful foreclosures and improper charges passed on to borrowers. During the course of this representation, he has secured the dismissal of fourteen class actions, as well as numerous individual claims. He has also defended claims brought by a state attorney general alleging deceptive trade practices and assisted in addressing similar investigations initiated by other authorities.

Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School
B.A., *with honors*, Brandeis University

Bar Admissions

Florida
Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Courts, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution

Practice Areas

Appellate
Banking & Financial Services Litigation
Class Action Litigation
Complex Commercial Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

Representative Matters

- Lead national counsel for a vendor of services and technology within the mortgage industry in connection with litigation based upon allegations of the robo-signing of documents in connection with foreclosures.
- Lead national counsel for a major multi-national telecommunications company in the successful defense against claims brought in multiple jurisdictions arising from a mass disaster in Venezuela.
- Appeared before the Supreme Courts of Florida, Georgia and Illinois.
- Represented the Republic of Panama in connection with civil actions brought in the United States following the collapse of the Noriega Regime.
- Argued issues of statutory interpretation regarding the imposition of documentary stamp taxes to transactions between parent and subsidiary companies before the Florida Supreme Court.
- Appeared before the Georgia Supreme Court to advocate against permitting the filing of lis pendens in that State based upon extra-territorial litigation.
- Represented amicus curiae group consisting of numerous Fortune 500 companies before the Florida Supreme Court to urge the adoption by the State of the federal doctrine of forum non conveniens.
- Presented argument before the Illinois Supreme Court in favor a civil litigant’s right against self-incrimination based upon a fear of foreign prosecution.
- Represented amicus curiae before the Florida Supreme Court to argue in favor of limiting the State’s economic loss rule.

- Represented developer in an international arbitration concerning disputes between managers of the company.

Awards & Honors

- *Florida Bar Journal,* Excellence in Writing Award, "Enforcement of Settlements: A Jurisdictional Perspective," 2011
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

- Florida Bar, Appellate and International Law Divisions
- Miami-Dade County Bar
- American Bar Association

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Supreme Court to Decide If the Filing of a Faulty Proof of Claim in Bankruptcy Permits a Debtor to Sue Under the FDCPA
December 11, 2016

The California Supreme Court's Decision Permitting Borrowers to Challenge Assignments of Mortgage Should Not Have an Impact Upon Florida
February 21, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Cohen, Prame & Goldberg, P.A.