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Gavin C. Gaukroger handles his clients' most challenging and complex matters throughout South Florida, often in federal district courts and Florida's circuit courts. Gavin frequently co-counsels with attorneys from other states as local counsel in complex business disputes filed in Florida's federal courts.

Intellectual Property and Business Tort Litigation
Gavin's intellectual property litigation experience includes licensing disputes and patent infringement litigation involving complex technologies, copyright, trademark and trade dress infringement, trademark dilution, misappropriation of trade secrets and related claims, noncompetition agreements, technology agreements and licenses as well as Lanham Act claims, unfair and deceptive business practices claims and cases involving injunctions.

Fraud, Shareholder, and Fiduciary Litigation
With extensive experience as counsel to federal and state court-appointed equity receivers and fiduciaries, Gavin has helped recover millions of dollars and provided substantial returns to victims of fraud and receivership estates. He has extensive experience representing officers, directors, and shareholders of private and public companies, receivers, and other fiduciaries, including bankruptcy trustees, debtors in possession,

and creditors' committees. Gavin has extensive experience litigating class actions, contract disputes, shareholder and partnership disputes, claims involving breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and mismanagement.

Real Estate Litigation and Insurance Recovery
Gavin's real estate litigation practice and experience is extensive, often representing owners and developers in significant disputes with contractors, tenants, insurers, and trades. Gavin assists clients maximize insurance recoveries through claims presentation and negotiation, litigation, and alternate dispute resolution in claims involving first party property coverage, business interruption and extra expense coverage, director's and officer's liability coverage, fidelity bonds and other crime coverage, professional liability, errors and omissions liability, employment practices liability insurance, and cyber and data breach coverage.

Entrepreneurship, Technology and Compliance
In addition to litigation, Gavin advises early-stage technology and consumer products companies on matters including compliance, employment, intellectual property, privacy, data security, content regulation, consumer protection and advertising. Gavin also represents a broad array of entrepreneurs and corporations in industries such as financial services, real estate, consumer products, energy, construction, and new technologies. Gavin's client representations include domestic and international concerns, including companies and entrepreneurs based throughout the United States, Canada, China, the Caribbean, India, and Russia.

Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School
B.A., University of Washington

Bar Admissions

Florida
Washington
U.S. District Courts, Eastern, and Western Districts of Washington
U.S. District Courts, Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution
Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy Litigation
Complex Fraud & Securities Litigation
Cybersecurity & Data Breach
Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes
Insurance
Intellectual Property
Real Estate Litigation

Representative Matters

- Representations of intellectual property rights holders and equity receivers, including enforcement of temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions in coordination with law enforcement and regulators to freeze and recover assets
- Representations of creditors in judgment enforcement and collection actions to recover personal and real property
- Representations of plaintiffs and defendants in claims brought under the Copyright Act
- Representations of plaintiffs and defendants in numerous cases involving allegations of false advertising under the Lanham Act
- Representations of clients to recover domain names from cybersquatters
- Representations of trademark holders against infringers in domain name, trade name and trademark litigation in state courts and before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board and the UDRP
- Representation of a holder of telephony patents in litigation against former licensees
- Representation of minority shareholders in enforcement of drag-along rights during dispute between private equity investors and company management
- Representation of debtors and unsecured creditors committees in bankruptcy litigations
- Representation of a Fortune 250 energy company in litigation relating to tax credits for synthetic fuel production through trial
- Representation of a majority investor in complex legal malpractice litigation against former counsel which represented both the public company and the majority investor in debt-financing transactions
- Representation of a real estate hedge fund through trial to recover monetary damages and injunctive relief for ongoing breach of contract
- Representation of a real estate investment trust to recover damages from breach of contract and breach of warranty
- Representation of developers in commercial and residential construction litigation and third-party practice against contractors, subcontractors and suppliers
- Representation of an international parcel tanker corporation in litigation arising out of government civil and criminal antitrust investigations
- Representation of receivers, trustees, corporate fiduciaries, individual fiduciaries and beneficiaries in high stakes disputes and government enforcement actions
- Representation of investors in litigation relating to securities fraud, corporate waste, and mismanagement by company insiders
- Representation of issuers of securities in securities fraud litigation against broker-dealers
- Significant experience counseling and advising businesses on electronic records management and drafting marketing and joint-development agreements for technology companies

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America®,* 2018-2027
- *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, 2024-2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers,* 2019-2026
  - Top 100 Miami, 2026
- *Florida Trend, Legal Elite – 2018*
- *South Florida Legal Guide - Top Up and Comer, 2018*
- *Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Business Litigation,* 2011, 2013-2018

- *Florida Trend, Legal Elite – Up & Comer, 2014-2017*
- *Washington's Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2010*

Community Activities / Associations

- Past-President, The Federal Bar Association - Broward County Chapter
- Member, Commercial Receivers Assocation
- Member, Bench and Bar Conference Committee of the United States District Court; Southern District of Florida
- Member, The Federal Court Practice Committee for The Florida Bar
- Member, Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act (UCRERA) Task Force - Business Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Past-Board Chair and Board Member, 2-1-1 Broward
- Leadership Broward Class XXX, 2011-2012

In the News

Law360 Features Gavin C. Gaukroger in, “Berger Singerman Promotes Longtime Atty As Hiring Partner”
September 16, 2026

Berger Singerman Announces New Attorney Recruiting Leadership
September 1, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 33rd Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 20, 2026

Gavin Gaukroger Reappointed to Southern District of Florida Bench and Bar Conference Committee
August 3, 2026

Twenty-One Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 26, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2025 Edition of Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
June 27, 2025

Twenty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 26, 2025

Law360 Mentions Gavin Gaukroger in, "Eli Lilly Says Tampa Health Biz Can't 'Pass The Buck' In TM Suit"
December 10, 2024

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

Four Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite”
June 30, 2022

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

M&A Advisor Recognizes Berger Singerman LLP for its Work on the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case of Unipharma

June 15, 2022

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

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

Berger Singerman's Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Recognized As 2021 "Litigation Departments of the Year" By Daily Business Review
March 29, 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

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

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

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

Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Florida Trend's "Legal Elite"
June 21, 2017

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

Daily Business Review quotes Gavin Gaukroger on "Yahoo Cyber Breach Sets Stage for Lawsuits, Probes, Even Insurance Sales"
September 27, 2016

Twelve Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Edition of Florida Trend
June 21, 2016

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

Berger Singerman Secures a Verdict in Favor of Client Involving an Intellectual Property Dispute
March 1, 2016

Publications

NAFER's The Receiver, "Chasing After Fraudsters: The Role of State Fraudulent Transfer Laws"
July 11, 2023

The Miami Herald "Now is the Time to Revisit Noncompete Agreements, Restrictive Covenants"
October 15, 2020

Berger Singerman Survey Reveals Most Florida Businesses Are Not Prepared for Hurricane Season
June 9, 2019

Daily Business Review, "Equifax Data Breach: What Happened and What's Next?"
September 18, 2017

Events & Speaking Engagements

Gavin Gaukroger and Gina Clausen Lozier, Presenters, "Avoiding Riptides: Resident Safety and Risk Management," FL ALFA's 4th Annual Conference and Exhibit Show
August 22, 2016

Gina Clausen Lozier and Gavin Gaukroger, Presenters, "HIPAA Compliance: What Rehabilitation Facilities Need to Know"
June 21, 2016

Gavin Gaukroger, Speaker, "An Overview of the Pending Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016," DRI Complex Commercial Litigation Section
March 23, 2016

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Protecting Trade Secrets When a Hurricane Hits During a Pandemic
July 15, 2020

COVID-19: Cyber Readiness for Remote Access Workers
March 26, 2020

Insurance Carrier Continuity Plans in the Era of COVID-19
March 19, 2020

The OCR's Phase 2 HIPAA Audit Program and Cloud-Service Providers, and an Alert Regarding Phase 2 Audit Email Phishing Scams
November 29, 2016

Cybersecurity: Before and After the Storm
June 8, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Foster Garvey PC (f/k/a Foster Pepper) (2005-2009)