

# Benjamin G. Finkelstein

#### Associate

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# Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations

#### **Education**

- Vanderbilt Law School, J.D., 2023
- University of Miami School of Law, Visiting Student, Advanced Business Litigation Skills Program, Fall 2022
- New York University, B.A., magna cum laude, 2019



#### **Bar & Court Admissions**

- Florida, 2023
- Southern District of Florida, 2023

## **Overview**

Benjamin G. Finkelstein is a Business Litigation attorney in Gunster's Fort Lauderdale office. Benjamin is a passionate advocate who leverages his litigation and courtroom experience in serving his clients with the utmost vigor and diligence.

Benjamin primarily focuses his practice on business litigation and complex commercial disputes. He handles a wide range of matters including those involving breach of contract, consumer fraud, white collar criminal defense, and general corporate matters. Having previously worked at a national plaintiff's class action law firm, Benjamin is also uniquely positioned to help businesses and individuals defend against high-exposure class action claims.

Benjamin believes that every case is unique and requires meticulous planning to achieve the client's ultimate objective. That being said, Benjamin is a courtroom lawyer. Before graduating law school, Benjamin obtained Florida Supreme Court certification and argued hundreds of motions and hearings on serious felony matters for the Broward County Public Defender. He tried a felony aggravated assault and evidence tampering case to a jury as cocounsel. He won a complete defense verdict, achieving acquittal on all counts. Benjamin also previously interned for multiple New York State Supreme Court Judges including Chief Criminal Judge Matthew J. D'Emic and Justice Mark I. Partnow. Benjamin's courtroom knowledge has taught him the importance of approaching issues without ever losing sight of the big picture and overall trajectory of the case. This enables him to help clients navigate the difficult terrain of litigation.

A native New Yorker, Benjamin settled in South Florida during his youth. Having attended Broward County public schools, Benjamin is proud to support the Broward Debate Initiative, spearheaded by Gunster Chairman and Former U.S. Senator George S. LeMieux. Benjamin earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School as a dean's scholar in 2023. Benjamin earned his undergraduate degree in history from New York University in 2019, graduating *magna cum laude*.

### **Honors**

- Book Award: Aggregate Litigation
- Vanderbilt Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalist
- Dean's Scholar