

Michael G. Tanner

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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- Appellate Law
- Professional Liability Defense
- Election Law

Education

- University of Florida, J.D., 1978
- Davidson College, A.B. Economics, 1975

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 1978
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle & Southern Districts of Florida

Overview

Mike Tanner is a seasoned legal strategist with more than forty years of experience. He is dedicated to bringing that depth of experience and perspective to every client matter in which he is involved. Mike's primary areas of practice include complex litigation, appellate (state and federal courts) and election law. The 73rd president of The Florida Bar, Mike is board certified in both civil trial and business litigation by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education and he is rated "AV-Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, Inc.

In addition, Mike is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Appellate Law. He is also named among *The Best Lawyers in America* as a 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville for Bet-the-Company litigation. Mike has been recognized in *Florida Trend Magazine's* "Legal Elite" (2006-2022) and the Hall of Fame (2014-2022), as well as in *Super Lawyers* magazine (2007-2023; "Top 100" attorneys in Florida in 2012-13, 2018-20, and 2022-23).

In March 2012, Mike was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Honors

- AV Preeminent rating as independently determined by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Appellate Law, 2006-24
 - Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year” in Jacksonville, 2012, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2024
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Jacksonville, 2016, 2018, 2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Business Edition: The Litigation Issue, 2021
- *Florida Trend Magazine*
 - “Legal Elite,” 2006-22
 - Hall of Fame, 2014-22
 - “Florida 500” Most Influential Business Leaders, 2021-23
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2007-23
 - “Top 100 Lawyers in Florida,” 2012-13, 2018-20, 2022-23
 - “Top 25 Lawyers in Jacksonville,” 2018-23

Publications & Presentations

- Nuts & Bolts of Billing: How to ethically and effectively bill your clients, *The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division*, speaker, January 11, 2024
- “Bank Customers Beware: Recovery of Unauthorized Electronic Funds Transfers Isn’t So Easy,” *The Florida Bar Journal*, co-author, April 2017
- *Nikolai Returns*, Telemachus Press, 2012
- “Basic Steps for Good Peer Review,” author, *The Florida Bar Journal*, February 2010
- “RICO Claims: The Challenge of Alleging the ‘Pattern’ Element,” co-author, *The Florida Bar Journal*, May 2002
- “IRS Misconduct in an Audit: Is There a Civil Remedy?” *The Tax Lawyer*, Vol. 55, No. 1, ABA/Georgetown University Law Center, Fall 2001
- “Federal Judgments In Florida – Still Good After 5 Years,” author, *The Florida Bar Journal*, December 1999
- “Releases – Make Sure They Bring Finality,” author, *The Florida Bar Journal*, December 1998

Professional Associations & Memberships

- The Florida Bar, President, 2021-22
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 2012-present
- The Florida Bar Board of Governors, representing the 4th Judicial Circuit, 2011-20

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Member, 2003-present
 - President, Jacksonville Chapter, 2016
- The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, 2004-09
 - Chair, 2007-08
- First District Appellate American Inn of Court, 2008-present (emeritus)
 - President, 2011-12
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court, 2004-present (emeritus)