



## James M. Riley

### Shareholder

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### Practice Areas:

- Antitrust
- Banking and Financial Services
- Business and Tort Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Real Property Litigation
- Securities
- Eminent Domain and Condemnation

### Education:

University of Georgia B.S. 1984

University of Florida College of Law J.D. 1987

Mr. Riley's practice is focused on complex commercial litigation, with emphasis on federal and state securities litigation; antitrust litigation; intellectual property litigation, eminent domain and condemnation, banking and creditors' rights litigation.

### Bar Association Memberships:

- Jacksonville Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
- United States Supreme Court
- 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Court, Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Awards & Distinctions:

- AV Preeminent Rating®, Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance), 2018-2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Eminent Domain and Condemnation), 2020-2022
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Litigation - Antitrust), 2021, 2022
- *Best Lawyers*® Jacksonville – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law "Lawyer of the Year", 2022
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa
- Recipient, YMCA's Volunteers of the Year (2007)
- Recipient, The Hon. Jefferson W. Morrow Award for Outstanding Service

### Professional & Community Involvement:

- Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association
- Antitrust Committee, American Bar Association
- President, Board of Governors, Timuquana Country Club
- Former President, Board of Trustees, Riverside Presbyterian Day School
- Past Board Member, Cornerstone of Jacksonville, Inc.
- Past Board Member, Otis Smith Kids Foundation
- President, Board Member and Co-founder of Riverside Youth Basketball League
- Elder, Riverside Presbyterian Church

### Publications and Presentations:

- Author: "Battle Lines Are Being Drawn In Derivatives Litigation: How will Claims in Florida Fare?," Florida Bar Journal, June, 1995.

### Client Successes:

- Obtained a nearly \$200 million judgment against the owners of a resort hotel and convention center in North Florida
- Represented 18 "Tenant-in-Common" investors case whose \$30 million investment in a Texas commercial building was foreclosed. Filed suit in Orange County, California against a national property and asset management firm for negligence and breach of fiduciary duty. The case settled two weeks before a jury trial was to begin, resulting in a substantial settlement for investors.

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### Client Successes continued:

- Lead trial counsel for beer distributor in defense of highly-publicized \$234 million alleged racketeering (“RICO”) and defamation lawsuit. Case involved over 100 depositions. Mr. Riley obtained summary judgment for his client one month before the start of trial.
- Has represented the PGA TOUR in numerous litigation matters. Co-lead trial counsel in successful defense of antitrust case closely watched across the country concerning the transmission of scoring information via the Internet.
- *Morris Communications Corp. v. PGA TOUR, Inc.*, 364 F. 3d 1288 (11th Cir. 2004) cert.den 125 S. Ct. 87 (2004).
- Lead Florida counsel in successful defense of securities class action where shareholders sought tens of millions of dollars in damages arising out of multi-billion-dollar acquisition of Florida-based transportation company.
- Successfully defended internationally known professional athlete and television personality to defeat a claim brought by a former personal agent claiming hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Lead counsel in successful defense of New York Stock Exchange company in multi-million-dollar claim brought by founder of company for alleged breach of stock option agreements and improper conduct by board of directors.
- Appointed as arbitrator in North Florida for extensive class action securities case against major broker dealer.
- Defended numerous antitrust lawsuits, including claims involving international shipping contracts, contact lenses, retail outlet centers, hospitals, grocery stores, birthing clinics, wetlands mitigation banks, oil lube shops and discount furniture stores.
- Routinely represents investors who have been defrauded or otherwise improperly treated in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, including inappropriate or unsuitable recommendations, excessive or unauthorized trading or churning, false or misleading representations and corporate fraud or mismanagement.
- Successfully prosecuted lawsuits involving director and officer liability, professional malpractice, partnership disputes and shareholder derivative claims.
- Over 25 years’ experience representing lenders throughout Florida in actions involving non-performing assets, including foreclosure and deficiency actions, lender-liability claims, receiverships and bankruptcy cases.
- Substantial courtroom experience in federal and state courts throughout Florida.