

Stephen C. Richman

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Location

505 South Flagler Drive
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Education

J.D., Tulane University Law School

B.A., Vanderbilt University, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

The Florida Bar
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida



Jones Foster Shareholder Stephen C. Richman, a member of the firm's **Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution** team, represents businesses and individuals in commercial litigation, class actions, and professional liability matters. He approaches his cases as both counselor and advocate, with the goal of helping his clients achieve a desirable and efficient resolution while zealously defending their interests.

Stephen has defended claims in state and federal courts throughout Florida as well as in arbitration. He has extensive experience defending lawyers and law firms against complex legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims, including claims brought by federal equity receivers and putative investor classes arising from SEC and other government enforcement actions. Stephen has further defended businesses in class action litigation brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), as well as Florida's Telephone Solicitation Act (FTSA) and Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA), and common law claims arising out of an alleged data breach.

Stephen is actively involved in the community, serving on the Board of Governors for the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and on the Finance Committee of the Rosarian Academy. He has been recognized by peer-reviewed industry publications, including *Florida Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star and *Palm Beach Illustrated's* "Top Lawyers" list for Legal Malpractice Law.

While earning his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, Stephen served as a judicial intern to the Honorable John S. Bryant of U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee and the Honorable Sam A. Lindsay of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Experience Highlights

Defended law firm in separate, but contemporaneous actions brought by a federal equity receiver (legal malpractice) and a putative class of investors (violation of state blue sky statutes and intentional common law torts) arising out of an alleged financial fraud.*

Defended law firm sued for legal malpractice in litigation arising out of the Stanford Ponzi scheme.*

Successfully argued motion to exclude late designated witness from testifying at the final hearing of a multimillion-dollar auditor malpractice arbitration.*

Successfully argued motion to strike class allegations in class action filed in Florida state court.*

Successfully argued request to bifurcate discovery in TCPA class action in federal court.*

Argued and obtained summary judgment for insurance agent alleged to have procured insurance policy that did not cover plaintiff's damages.*

Assisted in defeating franchisor's application for temporary restraining order in contentious breach of contract/trademark infringement lawsuit involving real estate brokerage.*

** Matters handled prior to joining Jones Foster.*

Honors & Distinctions

Florida Super Lawyers

Rising Star, 2019-2023

Palm Beach Illustrated

Top Lawyers, Legal Malpractice Law, 2023, 2025

Affiliations

The Florida Bar

Member

Palm Beach County Bar Association

Member

American Bar Association

Member

Historical Society of Palm Beach County

Member, Board of Governors, 2020-Present

Chair, Young Friends of the HSPBC, 2021-2023

Rosarian Academy

Member, Finance Committee, 2022-Present