

Steven Kass, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Berger Family Fellow & Director, Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic, January 2018 - Present

The Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic is an in-house, live-client clinic that provides corporate counseling, transactional, licensing, and intellectual property legal services to entrepreneurs, other start-ups, and non-profit entities. As Director, I am responsible for all aspects of the Clinic's operation, including classroom teaching of relevant areas of substantive law, supervising and mentoring student interns, oversight over client matters, and community outreach.

Carlton Fields, P.A., Miami, FL

Of Counsel and Treasurer, January 2014 – December 2021

Before resigning my position as a Shareholder of Carlton Fields at the end of 2017 to become the Director of the Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic, I primarily represented insurance companies and other financial services industry participants in transactional matters, counseled on compliance and regulatory issues spanning the gamut from cutting-edge to routine, and participated in complex federal litigation, bringing extensive product, business operations, and industry knowledge to litigation teams defending claims involving insurance products and practices. Effective January 1, 2018, I transitioned to Of Counsel, but continue to provide similar services at the Firm on a part-time basis. I also served as Carlton Fields' Treasurer in 2018 and 2019.

Jorden Burt LLP, Miami, FL

Partner & Chief Financial Officer, January 1988 - December 2013

During my 25 years with Jorden Burt, my practice evolved from representing businesses (ranging from start-ups to large, publicly traded corporations) on corporate, transactional, and securities law matters to a practice in which I specialized in insurance industry matters. My services for insurance industry clients included: (i) industry-specific corporate and transactional matters such as company licensing, mergers & acquisitions, reorganizations, and liquidating trusts (including associated change of control applications and hearings), demutualizations, and reinsurance; (ii) product drafting and regulatory compliance; (iii) operational risk assessments and compliance audits; and (iv) regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. I also provided substantive support to my litigation partners on numerous complex litigation cases (primarily class actions) involving insurance products, pricing, and market conduct. Between 1999 and 2013, I participated in the Firm's management, successively holding the positions of Deputy Administrative Partner, Administrative Partner, and Chief Financial Officer.

Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley, Meyerson & Casey, Miami, FL

Associate Attorney, February 1984 - December 1987

Corporate, securities, SEC registered insurance products, and insurance regulatory.

Jorden, Melrose & Schuette, Miami, FL

Associate Attorney, August 1983 - February 1984 (at which time, a large portion of the Firm joined Finley Kumble)

Real estate, corporate, securities, and SEC registered insurance products.

Lechmere Sales, Cambridge, MA

Internal Auditor, Planning Analyst, and Division Controller, July 1976 - July 1979

Held three financial management positions of increasing responsibility for an operating subsidiary of Dayton Hudson Corporation. Lechmere Sales' operations included a chain of retail department stores and a consumer electronics wholesale distributorship for which I served as Division Controller.

Caplan Morrison Brown & Co., CPAs, Miami, FL

Staff Accountant, September 1974 - October 1975; August 1979 - August 1980 (part-time while in MBA program)

Accounting, auditing, and tax services. Testified in a federal case, reported at 401 F. Supp. 1008 (S.D. Fla. 1975).

EDUCATION:

University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, May 1983

- Law Review; Dean's List; multiple CALI Book Awards.
- Research Assistant to Professor John T. Gaubatz.
- Casenote, *Tufts v. Commissioner: Reopening the Pandora's Box of Crane's Footnote 37*, 36 U. Miami L. Rev. 352 (1982).
- Co-author, Case Comment, *Jean v. Nelson: A Stark Pattern of Discrimination*, 36 U. Miami L. Rev 1005 (1983).
- ABA Client Counseling Competition: First place – University of Miami.

University of Miami Graduate School of Business Administration, Miami, FL

Master of Business Administration, May 1980

- 4.0 GPA.

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Science in Economics, May 1974

- Double major in Finance and Insurance; additional concentration in Accounting.

OTHER:

Member of The Florida Bar (admitted 1983).

Admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

AV Rated (Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell.

Former Certified Public Accountant, State of Florida (admitted 1975; no longer licensed to practice).

Jewish Federation of Broward County, Past Member of the Board of Directors.

Beth Ahm Israel synagogue, Cooper City, FL, Past President.

B'nai Aviv synagogue, Weston, FL, Past Executive-Vice President.

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Adjunct Faculty Member (1993-1996).