

Steven Kass

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, licensing, transactional, 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, supervision and mentoring of student interns, client development, and case selection.

Carlton Fields Jordan Burt, P.A., Miami, FL

Of Counsel and Treasurer, January 2018 – Present

Shareholder, January 2014 – December 31, 2017

As a business lawyer, I have primarily represented insurance companies and other financial services industry participants in transactional matters and have counseled on compliance and regulatory issues spanning the gamut from cutting-edge to routine. I have also participated in complex federal litigation, bringing extensive product, business operations, and industry knowledge to litigation teams defending claims involving insurance products, practices, and coverage.

Jorden Burt LLP, Miami, FL

Partner & Chief Financial Officer, January 1988 - December 2013

Over the course of 25 years, my practice evolved from a wide-ranging corporate and securities law practice to a primary focus on insurance industry matters, including regulation of insurance products, regulatory counseling and enforcement, and providing substantive support to class action defense teams on cases involving insurance products, operations, pricing, and market conduct. Between 1999 and 2013, I also participated in the Firm's management, successively holding the positions of Deputy Administrative Partner, Administrative Partner, and following a reorganization, Chief Financial Officer.

Finley, Kumble et. al, 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 Corp. Lechmere Sales' operations included a retail department store chain and a consumer electronics wholesale distributorship.

Caplan Morrison Brown & Company (now Morrison Brown Argiz & Farra, 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

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; also admitted in United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Adjunct Faculty Member, 1993-1996.