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# Myron E. Siegel, Esquire

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A sought after expert witness, seasoned and experienced attorney, businessman and former banker that has built a reputation for finding solutions to a myriad of business and legal problems; Practicing and providing advice, counsel and expert testimony in business law, real estate, debtor/creditor issues, title insurance and immigration areas. A member of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois' Federal Trial Bar. A resourceful and respected professional that does not let obstacles get in the way of finding viable solutions to achieve a legal, moral and ethical result. He understands that availability, accountability and accessible are critical to being a good lawyer.

## **Professional Experience**

Attorney at Law, admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court  
Attorney at Law, admitted to the Florida Bar  
Attorney at Law, admitted to the Illinois Bar  
Licensed Real Estate Title Agent, Florida and Illinois  
Licensed Florida Real Estate Broker [BK3301336]  
Licensed Illinois Real Estate Managing Broker [475098376]  
Certified Chairman Arbitrator, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Illinois  
Member, Federal Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division  
Member of the Private Panel of Trustees in Bankruptcy, 1981-1985  
Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association  
Mediator Training, Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies  
Advanced Mediator Training, Association of Attorney-Mediators

## **Professional Directorships**

2003-2013 Board of Governors, Northwest Suburban Executive Club, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. [http://www.nwexecutiveclub.com/about\\_us.html](http://www.nwexecutiveclub.com/about_us.html) 2013-2015 Director and Treasurer; Broward County Sheriff's Advisory Committee, Fort Lauderdale, FL, an organization that provides financial assistance to the families of Broward County law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders that are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. Currently a member. <http://sheriffsadvisorycouncil.com/>

2014- Current Chief Legal Counsel to the Strategic Law Enforcement Development Group, a worldwide training resource for law enforcement and military personnel in advance strategic techniques. <http://www.strategiclawenforcement.com/>

## **Seminars**

Comptroller of Currency, Administrator of National Banks, Credit Risk: A Director's Focus, Memphis Tennessee, November 7, 2006

Comptroller of Currency, Administrator of National Banks, Risk Assessment and Compliance Risk Workshops, Chicago, Illinois July 25-26, 2006

Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Buying and Selling Businesses, Chicago, Illinois, May 12, 2006

Illinois Property Assessment Institute, Basic Assessment Practices, June 24, 2005

Illinois Department of Revenue, Assessment Education, Introduction to Mapping for Assessors, May 11, 2005

Northwestern University, Chicago, Mediation Training Certificate September 28, 2010

Advanced Attorney-Mediator Training October 2010

## **Current Business**

### **Directorships**

Director and President, Myron E. Siegel, P.A., a global reach law firm based in Florida, with offices also in Illinois.

Director and President, Guaranteed Florida Title, Inc., a Florida title insurance company Guaranteed Florida Title, Inc., is an ALTA Best Practices compliant title agency.

Managing Member, Spice International Realty, LLC.

Director, Filmquest Group, Inc., world's largest merchant converter of polyester film.

## **Past Business**

### **Directorships**

Treasurer, The Diplomat Oceanfront Residences Condominium Association.

Charter National Bank & Trust Company, N A , Member of the Loan Committee, Member of the Audit and Compensation Committee, Chair of the Board of Directors Compliance Committee

Ecco D'oro Food Corporation, a manufacturer and distributor of pasta products

Plystar, Inc. , a producer or packaging materials (laminated, printed, extruded, metalized, and coated)

Harmony Foods Corporation, a general-line candy company

Member of the Hoffman Estate Economic Development Commission, appointed by the Mayor of Hoffman Estates.

## **Civic**

Adjunct Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law School at Nova Southeastern University.

Former Director and continuing Member of the Broward Sheriffs' Advisory Council

Member of the Police International Exchange

Member of International Law Enforcement Advanced Development, LLC

Illinois Board of Regents, appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois and confirmed by the Illinois state senate to the Illinois Board of Regents governing Sangamon State University, Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University 1994-1995

Trustee, appointed and reappointed by the three different Governors of Illinois and confirmed by the Illinois state senate to the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees 1996-2012, serving as its first Chairman of the Board, and establishing the by-laws and governance documents Turned down another 6-year appointment in 2012, to relocate to Florida

## **Unique areas of past practice**

Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to the Illinois Board of Regents', the governing body of three state universities, serving for two years until the restructure of the governance system (Higher Education)

Appointed by three different Governor's and confirmed by the Senate to the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees for 16 years serving as the Boards' first Chairman and writing all regulations and bylaws by which the board operated (Higher Education)

Shareholder in Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (Illinois), 1981- current Over 35 years in title insurance (Real Estate)

Represented borrowers in industrial development bonds (Real Estate)

Instructor in the College of Business, Northern Illinois University.

Reviewed bank formation documents as possible investment in newly chartered National Bank (Banking)

Acted in a fiduciary capacity as a director of a nationally chartered bank, reviewing policies and procedures, reviewing loan requests, reviewing bank performance and overseeing management. (Banking)

Represented many business acquirers in acquiring mid-range non-core businesses from much larger entities (Mergers and Acquisitions)

Advised many entities on lender workouts and troubled companies (Financial Restructures)

Represented an international restaurant chain with franchise law compliance (Franchise Law)

Was appointed a member of the private panel of bankruptcy trustees (1981-1986) Served as trustee, counsel to the trustee, creditors counsel, debtor counsel and special counsel to the trustee (Bankruptcy)

Testified as an expert witness in litigation concerning bootstrap acquisition financing of businesses (Financing)

Represented management in the acquisition of a Belgian carpet manufacturer that was in bankruptcy (Multinational business)

Represented a United States hospital in negotiating financing from a Japanese manufacturer of health care products (Multinational business)

Represented management in the acquisition of a candy and confectionery company from a Japanese conglomerate (Multinational business)

Represented a Venezuelan distributor of health and beauty products in negotiating licenses of foreign made products for Venezuelan distribution (Multinational business)

Engaged by an International Chemical Company to assist it in entering the premium food product markets in the United States (Multinational business)

Represented a federally chartered community bank in banking related and compliance matters. (Banking)

Represented foreign nationals in various Visa and Citizenship issues. (Immigration)

Negotiated supply agreements with Chinese and Mexican food product manufacturers (Multinational business)

Represented an investment group seeking to acquire a minor league baseball franchise and associated financial bonding (General Business)

Represented political candidate in successfully challenging opponent's candidacy before the local election board and on appeal in the Circuit Court (Election Law)

Successfully served as Campaign manager and treasurer for a Judge seeking election to a higher level (Political)

Represented Circuit Judges and an Appellate Court Justice in personal legal matters (General business)

Represented clients seeking changes in immigration status and various Visa's. (Immigration)

Financial first aid and rescues; assisted troubled businesses, financial restructures (Workouts, assignments for the benefit of creditors, bankruptcy and bulk sales)

Assisted in obtaining refinancing of existing businesses (Finance)

Represented group in the attempted acquisition of a defense contractor in the aerospace sector. (Aerospace/Aviation)

Represented ownership in the sale of an FAA certified repair facility for jet engines. (Aerospace/Aviation).

Represented business owners in structuring real estate acquisitions and developments (Business first aid and financial rescue)

Counsel to the World Trade Center- Chicago (Multinational/Real Estate)

Worked with regional centers and foreign investors on EB-5 projects (Immigration)

Outside General Counsel to The World Trade Center- Chicago (General Counsel 2000-2011)

Outside General Counsel to Filmquest Group, Inc., Bolingbrook, IL, the worlds' largest merchant converter of polyester film (General Counsel)

Agent in Florida for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Chicago Title Insurance Company, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company and Attorneys Title Insurance Fund. (Title Insurance)

Successfully defended a person charged with kidnapping (Criminal- defense)

Successfully represented a company charged with violating the United State Drug Enforcement Act (Criminal and Administrative- defense)

Was granted a special license by the Illinois Supreme Court to practice law before becoming a lawyer, as a Lake County, Illinois Assistant State's Attorney prosecuting cases. (Criminal- prosecution)

### **Publications**

"Should Manufacturers Go Naked " Design News

"Guidelines Help Define Scope of Environmental Audits " Chicago Industrial Properties

"The Newest Cost of Doing Business May Kill You " Metro Chicago Real Estate Magazine

"Today's Laws Require Lenders to Play Cop " American Banker

"Labor/Employment Compliance Audits " Lake County Illinois Bar Journal

### **Reported Cases**

L.S. Heath & Sons, Inc., v. AT&T Information Systems, Inc. 9 F.3d 561 (1993)

### **Licenses and Admissions**

United State Supreme Court

Illinois Supreme Court

Florida Bar

Federal District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Federal Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division

Federal Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division  
Federal Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida  
Federal Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.  
Seventh Circuit U S Court of Appeals  
United States Court of Claims  
United States Tax Court  
Illinois Real Estate Managing Broker  
Florida Real Estate Broker  
Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio License K9MES

**Education**

J.D. Juris Doctor, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois 1977-1980

M.B.A. , Masters in Business Administration, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 1974-1975

B.S. (Finance/Accounting), Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 1969-1974

**Professional memberships**

American Bar Association

Florida Bar Association

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Florida Land Title Association

American Land Title Association

**Awards received**

Who's Who in Executives and Professionals

Previously received highest (AV) rating from Martindale-Hubbell

**Speeches**

1998 World M&A Conference- Selecting a Target Acquisition

1996 College of Business, Northern Illinois University, Commencement Speaker

**Political**

Lake County Illinois Republican Committeeman 10 years

West Deerfield Township Republican Chairman 4 Years

First Vice Chairman Lake County Republican Party 2 years

**Additional Value Added Areas**

Vice President and Member of the Attorneys' Real Estate Council of Broward County, Inc. The Attorneys' Real Estate Council of Broward County, Inc., is a by invitation only organization with a purpose to educate

the public on issues of real estate law and the necessity of qualified legal counsel in real estate transactions, to foster the professional education of real estate attorneys, to encourage fellowship among real estate attorneys as a basis for cooperation and to promote harmonious relations between real estate attorneys, Realtors, lenders, buyers and sellers.

Member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and its South Florida Chapter. The AILA is the national association of more than 14,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. AILA member attorneys represent U.S. families seeking permanent residence for close family members, as well as U.S. businesses seeking talent from the global marketplace. AILA members also represent foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a pro bono basis.

Experienced in complex business valuation Experienced in using and running Moneysoft™ a sophisticated business valuation and acquisition structure software program

Over 35-years of experience in real estate and real estate title insurance  
Illinois Underwriters: First American Title Insurance Company and Attorneys' Title Insurance Company Florida Underwriters: Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Chicago Title Insurance Company and Fidelity National Title Insurance Company

Experienced in all aspects for real estate, from environmental issues to developmental issues as well as funding related issues

Experienced in multinational transactions

Experienced in Immigration matters

Extensive experience in the food, beverage, confection and candy industry

Extensive experience in the plastics industry, especially with converters and blow molders

Experience with financing, funding and banking from the lenders, workout and borrowers side

Expert witness in real estate, title and financial issues

Significant global contacts in a variety of areas including banking and finance

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