Jeffrey A. Blaker

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A partner in the firm's West Palm Beach office, Jeff A. Blaker is a distinguished litigation attorney who has handled more than 200 trials in both state and federal courts throughout Florida. He has defended numerous clients in legal matters ranging from professional malpractice and personal injury liability to construction and product liability cases.

Jeff has successfully represented prominent insurance companies, local governments, elected officials, attorneys, corporate directors and officers, financial institutions, and businesses in various coverage, liability, misconduct, and employment defense matters. His diverse practice also spans commercial litigation, general liability and class actions.

Well-known for his effective and insightful counsel during many complex cases, Jeff is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell recognizing the highest ethical standards and professional excellence.

Education:

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law
  - Member, Law Review
- B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Miami School of Business

Practice Areas:

- Professional Liability & Services
- Construction Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Employment Law
- Governmental Liability
- Insurance Coverage
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Automobile Litigation
- Class Actions
- Financial Institutions
- General Liability & Casualty
- Intentional Torts

Bar Admissions:

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Representative Experience:

- Represented five City of Stuart Police Officers in a section 1983 civil

rights lawsuit who were accused of failure to intervene in the use of excessive force by another agency. The jury determined that no excessive force or failure to intervene occurred and rendered verdicts in favor of the officers.

- Obtained a huge win for his New York law firm and attorney clients in a legal malpractice case following a two-week federal jury trial in West Palm Beach. The jury entered a verdict of $16.4 million in favor of the Plaintiff against the Co-Defendants but completely exonerated Mr. Blaker's clients. Mr. Blaker convinced the jury that his clients performed their services in a professional and ethical manner and within the generally accepted standards of care. Additionally, Mr. Blaker secured a ruling from the court during trial striking the Personal Representative's legal malpractice expert based on the Daubert standard.

Honors & Distinctions:

- *The Best Lawyers in America,* 2023-2026: Listed in Florida for Professional Malpractice Law – Defendant
- AV® Preeminent™-rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*