



# Richard C. Milstein



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## Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1973

A.B., University of Miami, 1968; *cum laude*

A.A., Miami Dade Community College, 1966; *with honors*

## Bar Admissions

Florida

Richard C. Milstein concentrates his practice on high conflict, complex, and high-profile guardianship, trust, probate matters, and family law. He represents clients of significant means, as well as children in disputed relationships and vulnerable adults. Richard is certified as an expert in Elder Law by the Florida Bar Board of Certification. In addition to providing litigation counsel, he also provides life and estate planning advice to the elderly, alternative families, and same sex couples. Richard is a Certified Mediator and a member of the Collaborative Family Law Institute. He served as a participant in the first American Bar Association pilot project for Mediation.

## Awards & Recognition

- Dade County Bar Association, Names the "Richard C. Milstein Award of Excellence"
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2004-2017, Listed in Florida for Estate & Trust Litigation
- United HomeCare, 18th Annual Claude Pepper Awards, Recognized as 2012 Education/Advocacy honoree
- SAVE Dade Hall of Champions for Equality, May 2012
- SAVE, 2014 Champions of Equality, Award Recipient
- *The Best Lawyers of America* 2004-2017, Listed in Florida for Family Law, Trusts and Estates Law, and Litigation - Trusts & Estates Law
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Listed as "Top Lawyer" in Family Law, 2006-2012, Distinguished Lawyer, 2012; Listed as "Top Lawyer" in Fiduciary Litigation, 2014-2015
- *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite 2004-2010, Listed for Wills, Trusts & Estates
- *South Florida Business Journal* 2004-2010, Recognized as "Best of the

Bar"

- Who's Who for Lawyers in America 1990-2012
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Miracle Makers Award, 2011
- University of Miami Alumni Association, Recipient of the 2010 Thomas Davison, III Memorial Award
- Greater Miami Jewish Federation 2009, Honorable Theodore "Ted" Klein Special Recognition Award
- Anti-Defamation League 2008, Jurisprudence Award
- Care Resource 25th Anniversary Community Service Award, 2008
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyers 2014, Listed for Fiduciary Litigation
- The American Way Foundation 2007, Received "Spirit of Liberty Award from the People"
- Miami Dade College 2007, Hall of Fame Inductee
- Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Businessman of the Year, 2007
- *Ocean Drive's* Power List 2007, "A Wrap-Up of Those Who Make Miami Magic"
- Stetson University College of Law 2007, Received "Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service Award"
- LGBT National Task Force 2005, Miami Herald Humanitarian Award
- Leave a Legacy 2003, Awarded the "Professional Advisor of the Year Award"
- University of Miami Law School, Recognized as "Outstanding Alumnus," 1999
- The Florida Bar 1987, 1997, President's Pro Bono Award
- John Minor Wisdom Professionalism Award, 1997
- Florida Supreme Court 1996, Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award

### Published Work & Lectures

- The Seminar Group, Comprehensive Elder Law for the General Practice Attorney, Speaker, "Guardianship of the Elderly," August 2016
  - The Herrans Group at Merrill Lynch, Wealth Management Conference, Speaker, "Same Sex Couple Planning," August 20, 2015, Puerto Rico
  - SunTrust Private Wealth Management Roundtable, Speaker, "The Recent U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Same Sex Marriage: What Was...What Is...What Will Be... Planning Techniques for your Clients and Future Challenges," August 18, 2015
  - University of Miami School of Law's Public Interest Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, April 9, 2015
- Broward College, Religious Liberty and Same Sex Marriage Forum,

- Panelist, October 13, 2014
- Probate and Guardianship Committee, CLE Program Presenter, "DOMA: Deciphering the Rights of Marriage Equality," September 11, 2014
- *34th Annual South Florida FPA Conference*, Speaker, "DOMA, Trying to Decipher the Ruling and its Application," April 25, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association, *Bench & Bar Conference*, "The Stars of Family Law," February 28, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association Probate and Guardianship Committee, Moderator and Speaker, "Probate & Guardianship: Fees, Fees, and More Fees!" January 15, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association Probate and Guardianship Committee, Speaker, "Financial Exploitation - The Epidemic is Here," May 2013
- American Civil Liberties Union, Speaker, "DOMA Town Hall: How *U.S. v. Windsor* Impacts You," March 2013
- Dade County Bar Association Guardianship and Probate Committee, Speaker, "Guardianship Summit Standards and Recommendations," May 2012
- White House Office of Public Engagement and University of Miami Center on Aging, Speaker, White House LGBT Conference on Aging, May 2012
- Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Keynote speaker, 1st Symposium on Aging, September 2011
- Introduction on Professionalism for all Continuing Legal Education Books for the Florida Bar 1999-current, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.
- Chapters on Guardianship, Ethics and on Elder Law Issues for Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Books, 1985-current.
- Lectures on Guardianship, Ethics and Elder Law Issues, Same Sex Couples and Domestic Partnership Rights and Obligations, Florida Bar, NAELA, and other organizations, and Elder Law Issues, locally, statewide and nationally.
- Florida Guardianship Practice, Chapter - Role of Attorney in Planning, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Editions

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Professional Memberships & Activities

American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Commissioner,

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2010-2013

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Trust Board of Directors, Member; Executive Committee, Member; Evaluation and Compensation Committee, Member; By-Laws Committee, Member; Legacy Committee, Chair; Assistant Treasurer 2012
- American Bar Association, House of Delegates, 1990-1993
- Dade County Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2014 - Present
- Dade County Bar Association, Past President, 1988-1989
- The Florida Bar, Commission on Legal Needs of Children; Supreme Court Commission on Guardianship Monitoring; Real Property; Probate and Trust Law Sections; Probate and Guardianship Law Committees; Elder Law Section, Past Chair; Elder Law Certification Committee; Council of Sections, Past Chair, 2003-2004
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Member
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Member
- Cuban American Bar Association, Member
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Member
- Florida Bar Ethics Committee, Member
- Florida State Guardian Association, Member
- Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Member, Trustee
- National LGBT Bar Association, Member
- National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, Member
- National College of Probate Judges, Member
- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Board of Directors, Secretary
- New Leaders Council Miami, Mentor