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Sam Miller focuses his practice in investigating and prosecuting fraudulent conduct on behalf of his clients. With a wide range of experience, he is able to work efficiently and creatively to solve his client’s problems. From representing receivers and Bankruptcy trustees in cases arising from Ponzi schemes to trade secret and non-compete litigation, real estate and contract disputes, products liability, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), insurance fraud, and bankruptcy, clients value Sam’s versatility and strategic vision. Sam’s experience extends to the emerging field of cannabis law, as he is also an active member of Akerman’s Cannabis Practice. He advises investors and industry participants regarding diligence and compliance matters at both the federal and state level, including issues regarding banking, fraud, and transportation.

Sam’s clients operate in multiple sectors, including financial services, real estate, medical and building supply, manufacturing, engineering, and construction. He has significant experience in state and federal courts in Florida and Massachusetts, as well as before the American Arbitration Association.

**Notable Work**

**Financial Services:** Represented a NASDAQ-listed financial services company as lead trial counsel in a federal jury trial defending against claims alleging inaccurate credit reporting.

**Fraud and Ponzi Schemes:** Represented receivers and bankruptcy trustees in bankruptcy adversary proceedings seeking avoidance and recovery of fraudulent and preferential transfers from banks, vendors, brokers, and hundreds of Ponzi scheme investors.

**Easement:** Represented real estate developer in dispute regarding electric utility’s easement and related rights.

**Breach of Contract:** Defended medical supplies manufacturer in defense of breach of contract and uniform commercial code claims

**Areas of Experience**

- Litigation
- SEC Receiverships and Ponzi Schemes
- Fraud and Recovery
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Corporate Theft
- Insurance Fraud
- Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation
- Financial Services
- Cannabis

**Education**

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2000, cum laude
- B.A., University of Florida, 1996, high honors

**Admissions**

**Bars**

- Florida
- Massachusetts

**Courts**

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

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after purchase of business.

**FDCPA, TCPA, and Related State Litigation:** Defended financial services companies, including collectors of medical-related debts, in defense of alleged violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and their state analogues.

**Defect Litigation:** Represented building supply manufacturer in state court proceedings arising out of claims that windows were defective and did not satisfy applicable building codes.

**Landowners Dispute:** Represented landowner in dispute with adjacent landowner regarding whether bridge connecting the subject properties to third parcel of land was defective, satisfied applicable regulations, and/or interfered with the adjacent landowner's business operations.

**Products Liability:** Represented boat manufacturer in defense of products liability claim arising from severe injury sustained by passenger who fell off the boat and was struck by motor.

**Insurance Fraud:** Representing financial services company in action seeking recovery of insurance proceeds arising from alleged arson on mortgaged property.

**Trade Secrets and Non-Compete:** Represented engineering firm in defense of alleged misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of non-compete agreement arising from engineering firm's hiring of employees in the air traffic control tower industry.

**Trade Secrets and Non-Compete:** Represented NYSE-listed company in prosecution of claims for misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of non-compete agreements against former employees who started a competing business in the records and information management services industry.

**Defective Systems:** Represented NYSE-listed company in defense of claims arising out of a fire in a vacant manufacturing facility by the commercial tenant, which claims included allegations of defective electrical system, defective fire suppression system, and failure to properly maintain the physical space.

**Government Contracting Dispute:** Represented engineering firm in action alleging breach of contract, conspiracy, tortious interference, and fraud for alleged failure to provide sufficient work to minority business enterprise on government contracts.

**Breach of Contract:** Represented general contractor before the American Arbitration Association in defending breach of contract claims arising after defective and untimely work by subcontractor.

**Slander of Title Action:** Represented church in slander of title action arising from purported sale of property by someone who was not an officer or director of the church.

**Fraudulent Conveyance and Preferential Transfers:** Represented numerous companies in defense of bankruptcy adversary proceedings seeking avoidance and recovery of fraudulent and preferential transfers.

**Leases and Contracts in Bankruptcy:** Represented companies in bankruptcy proceedings regarding the rejection or assumption and assignment of leases and contracts in bankruptcy proceedings.

## Published Work and Lectures

- Florida Bankers Association, 4th Annual Commercial Lending School, Speaker, April 10-12, 2019
- Florida Bankers Association, 3rd Annual Commercial Lending School, Speaker, April 2018
- The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in Practice: Overview of the FCC Omnibus Declaratory Ruling and Order Webinar, Speaker, October 13, 2015
- *Trigild Deskbook Guide to Receivership and Foreclosure*, 6<sup>th</sup>, Contributor.

## Affiliations

- National Association of Federal Equity Receivers (NAFER), Member
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Member
- National Fire Protection Association, Member
- Orlando Science Center, Former Board Member

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Bankruptcy