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EDUCATION

- JD, University of Florida College of Law, 1999; Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board (Vice-Chair for Administration, Vice-Chair for Special Events, Final Four Alternate Zimmerman, Shuffield, Kiser and Sutcliffe, P.A. intramural competition); Phi Delta Phi (Vice-President); John Marshall Bar Association Committee Chairman; Legal Research and Writing and Appellate Advocacy Teaching Fellow
- BA, International Studies with Departmental Honors, Johns Hopkins University, 1996

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida Supreme Court
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

JAMES A. STEPAN has experience in the areas of commercial litigation, contract disputes, trademark litigation, trade secret litigation, false designation of origin, misappropriation of name, likeness of image, civil RICO, appeals, non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, insurance fraud, products liability and employment discrimination. Mr. Stepan has appeared in both state and federal court actions throughout the country.

Mr. Stepan received his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law in 1999. While attending the University of Florida, Mr. Stepan was a teaching fellow in legal research and writing and appellate advocacy. He was also a two term officer of the Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court Board. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Stepan received his B.A. with Departmental Honors from the Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Stepan is conversant in French.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Multiple jury and bench trials, evidentiary injunction hearings, the taking and defending of depositions, and argument at hearings.
- Significant case management experience, from inception of the case until ultimate resolution, as well as client contact and communications.
- Considerable experience in researching and drafting legal memoranda, including motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.
- Research and drafting of appellate briefs on multiple occasions.
- Responsibility for all aspects of discovery, including preparing and responding to discovery requests, coordinating and supervising document production, and discovery motion practice.
- Participation in multiple mediations and settlement conferences.
- Notable cases include an order of no liability in a complex, three month federal trial involving claims for civil RICO and misappropriation of trade secrets and obtaining an order striking defenses and finding liability for discovery misconduct in federal court.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Florida Bar, Business Law Section
- Florida Bar, Intellectual Property Law Committee
- [INTA](http://www.inta.org), International Trademark Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Dade County Bar Association