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## Practice

- International Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Defamation/Privacy
- Communications/Media
- Intellectual Property
- Class Action Defense
- Appellate Law

## Education

- J.D., University of Florida,  
1990, Order of the Coif; Editor-  
in-Chief, Florida Law Review
- B.A., University of Florida,  
1986

Ed Mullins, a founding shareholder, focuses his commercial litigation practice on international commercial litigation and arbitration, intellectual property litigation, and consumer class action defense. He brings to this practice broad experience as a commercial litigator, having handled an array of commercial disputes over the years, including contract, media, intellectual property, shareholder, and class action disputes.

He is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), serving as Co-Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Litigation Section and former Co-Editor of the *International Litigation Quarterly*. He is the former Co-Editor of the *International Law Quarterly* and is the Treasurer and a member of the Executive Council of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar. Mullins has substantial appellate experience and is the former Chair of the Appellate Court Rules Committee of the Florida Bar. He also has served as Chair of the International and Appellate Courts Committees of the Dade County Bar.

Selected by *The Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation and International Arbitration, Mullins frequently speaks and writes on international litigation and arbitration issues for the ABA and the Florida Bar. Some of his recent publications include *Franchisees Sued for Violation of Athlete's Foot Trademark*, *The Judicial View* (Winter 2009) (<http://www.judicialview.com/Court-Cases/Civil-Procedure/Franchisees-Sued-for-Violation-of-Athletes-Foot-Trademark/10/4984>), *Contractual Waiver of Personal Jurisdiction Under F.S. §685.102: The Long-Arm Statute's Little-Known Cousin*, 80 Fla. Bar J. 5 (May 2006); *Waiver, Preemption, and Permissive Clauses*, 7 ABA, Comm. & Bus. Litig. J. No. 2. at 1 (Winter 2006); *The Hunt for Federal Court: Removing International Cases*, 22 ABA, Int'l Litig. Q. 1 (Fall 2005); *Staying a Money Judgment in Federal Court Without Posting a Supersedeas Bond*, 57 Fla. Bar J. 45 (Dec. 2003); *You Better Shop Around: Appellate Forum Shopping*, 25 ABA, Litigation 32 (Summer 1999), which was republished in the *Litigation Manual*. He has spoken frequently on international litigation and arbitration issues for the ABA and Florida Bar, and has spoken in conferences in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. He has chaired and served on the steering committee for the Florida Bar International and Arbitration and Litigation Conference for years. He has appeared in *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite, in *Florida Super Lawyers*, and in numerous editions of Marquis' *Who's Who*.

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His broad experience includes litigating media, defamation, privacy, and intellectual property disputes, including trademark and copyright actions. A former Chair of the Florida Bar's Media and Communications Committee, Mullins often speaks on such subjects at conferences, including the Entertainment Law Section Conference and the Media Law Conference of the Florida Bar, the Practising Law Institute, and the Inter-American Press Association.

Mullins also has substantial experience in class actions. He has defended financial institutions, insurers, and other corporate entities against class action cases on federal and state claims ranging from claims under Truth-in-Lending Act, other federal consumer protection statutes, state insurance code claims, and claims pursuant to the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA).