

## Craig S. Barnett



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### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Banking & Financial Institutions

Cannabis Law

Real Estate

Technology

Government & Administrative

### OVERVIEW

Craig focuses on complex commercial litigation in state and federal court and in administrative law tribunals. He has represented clients at the trial and appellate levels in a wide range of commercial matters, including contract and business torts litigation; commercial loan foreclosures, nonjudicial remedies and workouts; real estate litigation, including claims involving title to real property and title insurance disputes; and post-judgment collection and recoupment proceedings. He has been involved heavily in eDiscovery and eRetention litigation, and counsels clients in the emerging fintech and medical cannabis industries.

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## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Obtained multimillion-dollar judgment in favor of judgment creditor against impleaded third parties in proceedings supplementary in Destin, Florida, in case involving fraudulent transfers of accounts, stock, real property and other assets.

Obtained summary final judgment in favor of lender in action against multiple personal guarantors of multimillion dollar construction loan for the development of an office condominium project in Orlando, Florida

Represented investor group in workout of \$29 million dollar credit facility secured by lien interests in multiple hotel and resort properties located throughout the Florida gulf coast area.

Represented life settlement company in the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York and for the Northern District of Georgia in e-Discovery litigation involving disputes concerning the scope of discovery, the methodology for searches of electronic data, and apportioning the cost of e-Discovery between parties and third party witnesses.

Prosecution on behalf of employers in litigation to enforce non-compete covenants and claims for damages arising from misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential information.

Represents institutional clients in commercial landlord-tenant litigation, including evictions, lease disputes and damage claims.

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Florida Bar Business Law Section

Proceedings Supplementary Task Force

Business Litigation Committee

Technology Committee

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

Broward County Bar Association

Cornell Club of Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton

Leadership Fort Lauderdale Class V

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## RECOGNITION

*The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2021-Present

*Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Top Lawyer for Broward County, 2022

*The Boca Raton Observer*, Top Lawyers of 2022

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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

**Events:** [Updates on Blockchain, Fintech and Current Applications in Law](#)

2019 Annual Florida Bar Convention | | June 2019

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**Events:** [Webinar: Introduction to Blockchain and Its Application to the Practice of Law and Litigation](#)

Today's General Counsel | | February 2019

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**Publications:** [CYBER-LENDING: Perfecting Security Interests in the New Frontier of Cryptocurrency-Backed Loans](#)

Blockchain Magazine | July 2018

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**Publications:** [Uncollected Money Judgments Can Deliver Returns for Savvy Investors](#)

Real Estate Finance & Investment | May 2018

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**Events:** [Post-Judgment Proceedings and Collections](#)

Newbie Litigator School 2015 Series | | November 2015

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**Events:** [Protect This House: Addressing Environmental Issues in Commercial Leasing \(Roundtable Discussion\)](#)

ICSC Law Conference General Session | | October 2015

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## NEWSROOM

**In the Media:** [Stearns Weaver Miller Scoops Up Greenberg Traurig Vet](#)

Law 360 | | June 2019

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**Firm Announcements:** [Stearns Weaver Miller Adds Complex Commercial Litigator Craig S. Barnett in Fort Lauderdale](#)

| June 2019

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## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1994

B.S., Cornell University, 1991

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## ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS)