

Philip Freidin

Founder

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As a highly successful civil trial lawyer, Philip Freidin started practicing law in Miami in 1969. He focused his legal practice on personal injury law and has litigated over 200 [personal injury](#) and [wrongful death claims](#), including those involving [medical malpractice](#), [defective products](#), and [catastrophic injuries](#). He fights hard to protect the rights and interests of his clients and has successfully obtained million-dollar verdicts and settlements on their behalf.

In 1989, Philip achieved the highest level of recognition by The Florida Bar when he earned the Florida Bar Board Certification. This acknowledged both his competency and experience as a civil trial attorney. Some of his additional accomplishments include:

- Designation as a Board Certified Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocates from 1995-2008
- Being profiled in The Best Lawyers in America
- Inclusion in the Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers
- Recognition as one of Florida's top personal injury attorneys in the Florida Super Lawyers Magazine, Florida Trend's Legal Elite, and the South Florida Legal Guide

In *West v. Caterpillar*, one of Philip Freidin's landmark cases, his work helped establish Florida's doctrine of Strict Product Liability. This doctrine allows consumers to hold manufacturers and sellers liable for defective products without having to prove negligence. Freidin is proud of his work on this case, which has permanently changed Florida Law and has become a major case study in Florida law schools.

Another one of Freidin's landmark cases includes *Goode v. Walt Disney World*, a case that received national coverage. This claim resulted in the highest jury award ever entered against any Disney Park to that date, and also solidified the responsibility that amusement parks have to their patrons to provide a safe environment.

Because he is recognized as an expert in the law, Attorney Freidin has had many opportunities to lecture on personal injury trial tactics and strategy before hundreds of professional bar and trial organizations. In addition to his legal practice, Freidin is also extremely active in many legal and community organizations, including his appointment to the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Complex Litigation by the Chief Justice. Recently, Attorney Freidin was reappointed by Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson to the Federal Judicial Nominating Committee.

- Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, 1989
- Board Certified Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocates, 1995
- Appointed to the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. The term begins April 24, 2008 and ends July 1, 2011.

Bar Admissions

- Florida, 1969
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 1970
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 1970

Education

- **American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, District of Columbia**
 - J.D. - 1969
- **University of Florida**
 - B.D. - 1966

Representative Cases

- *West v. Caterpillar*
- *Goode v. Walt Disney World*
- *Harris v. P.T. Petrocorp*

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Association for Justice, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Member
- Dade County Bar Association, Member
- Dade County Judicial Nominating Commission, Member
- Florida Justice Association, Member
- Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's Task Force on Complex Litigation, Member
- Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, Member
- National Board of Trial Advocacy, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member
- Miami-Dade Justice Association, Former Board of Directors

- Florida Bar Judicial, Former Chairman, Nominating Procedures Committee
- Florida Justice Association, Former President
- Florida Justice Association, Vice President
- Florida Justice Association, Treasurer
- Florida Justice Association, Secretary
- Supreme Court of Florida Task Force on Management of Complex Cases, Appointed Member, 2007
- Dade County's MADD Chapter, Member
- Governor Chiles' Task Force on Preventing Elderly Abuse, Member
- Chief Justice Barkett's 21st Century Planning Committee, Former Member
- State of Florida Legislature Elderly Long Term Care, Former Task Force Member
- Dade County Judicial Nominating Commission, Chairman
- Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, Vice Chairman
- The Florida Bar, Chairman, Grievance Committee
- Florida Justice Association, Board of Director
- Dade County's MADD Chapter, Board of Directors
- JNC - Southern District, Member