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Mr. Mitchel has been practicing law for approximately 30 years. He joined the firm as the Managing Partner of the firm's three Florida office's. His belief is that achieving excellence in our industry requires collaboration among counsel, carriers and clients. In each of his cases, he remains mindful of the goals of each of his constituents, the importance of maintaining open lines of communication, and the need for streamlined processes designed to allow all team members to fully participate.

He wakes up every day deeply appreciative for the trust invested in him by the carriers with whom we work and the clients who we serve. He strives to honor that trust by dedicating himself to obtaining exceptional outcomes through scrupulous attention to detail, thorough and honest case evaluation, and a willingness to go the extra mile in every claim.

Nothing is more important than his clients knowing that their case is in the right hands. Bringing decades of experience, providing legal expertise as a trial attorney, giving maximum effort to achieving outstanding results, and maintaining regular communications - all for a reasonable fee - serves as the foundation for that relationship.

In a career spanning more than three decades, nothing is more gratifying to him than the many clients who have told him that, although the case against them was unjust and the litigation process was laborious, they felt great comfort throughout because they were represented by an attorney who was always thoroughly prepared, possessed unique skills as an advocate, and who cared deeply about them, their case and its outcome.

Mr. Mitchel is married with two adult sons and lives in Weston, Florida with his two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. His greatest joy is spending time with his family and traveling.

Practice Areas

- Appeals
- Medical Malpractice, Physicians, Surgeons, Allied Health Litigation and Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Architects, Engineers and Construction Defects
- Civil Trial Practice
- Class Action and Multi-District Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Fire and Life Safety
- Hospitality and Liquor Liability and Dram Shop
- Insurance Professionals, Brokers and Agencies
- Toxic Torts, Mass Tort Products and Environmental Law
- Law Enforcement, Public Entity & Government Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability, Financial Professionals, Advisors, Officers, Directors and Accountants
- Maritime and Admiralty

Education

- Tufts University, BA in Political Science (1985)
- University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude* (1988)
- Member of *University of Miami Law Review* (1986-1988)
- Associate Note Editor of *University of Miami Law Review* (1987-1988)

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- 11th Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida