

BIOGRAPHY

Jeffrey C. Schneider is a trial lawyer whose practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, receiverships, and international arbitration. Mr. Schneider is a founding partner who has been Managing Partner of the Firm since its inception. Mr. Schneider is also Co-Chair of the Firm's Receivership Group. Mr. Schneider has been trying complex, high-risk cases in federal and state trial courts, and in arbitration proceedings, for nearly twenty-five years. Mr. Schneider has worked on some of the largest fraud cases in history, either as lead trial counsel, as receiver, or as counsel to the receiver. Mr. Schneider has helped to recover over \$100 million for defrauded victims, and is considered an expert on Ponzi schemes. Mr. Schneider is known for his creative and passionate approach to litigation and receivership work. Mr. Schneider is a frequent lecturer in the areas of receivership litigation and international litigation and arbitration.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Bankruptcy and Receiverships
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- Professional Malpractice
- Securities Litigation
- Title Insurance Litigation

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Named one of "12 to Watch in 2012" by **Attorney at Law Magazine**.
- Listed in **The Best Lawyers in America** in the areas of commercial litigation and Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2013-2016 Editions.
- Listed in **Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite**, 2004-2016 Editions, representing the top 2% of the 54,000 Florida Bar Members.
- Listed in the **South Florida Legal Guide's** "Top Lawyers" list, 2009-2016 Editions.
- Received **Miami Daily Business Review** "2005 Most Effective Lawyers Award" in the area of class action litigation.
- Finalist for **Miami Daily Business Review** "2007 Most Effective Lawyers Award" in the area of bankruptcy and receiverships.
- Finalist for **Miami Daily Business Review** "2010 Most Effective Lawyers Award" in the area of complex business litigation.
- Listed in **Florida Super Lawyers**, 2006-2015 Editions, representing the top 5% of Florida attorneys.
- Listed in **Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals**, Honors Edition.
- Listed in **South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers** list, 2012-2015 Editions.
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Rated (the highest available rating).
- Senior Editor of **The Florida Law Review**.
- Recipient of the Achievement Award in Scholarship from the University of Florida School of Law.
- Authored the article, "Recently enacted Federal Legislation Providing Moral Rights to Visual Artists," published in "**The Florida Law Review**," Vol. 43, No.1, January 1991.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

RECEIVERSHIP WORK

- **Philip Milton**– Appointed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to serve as a Federal equity receiver in a \$25 million fraud. The action is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- **Trade-LLC**, – Appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to serve as a Federal equity receiver. The action is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.



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- **Inbound Call Experts**, – Appointed by the Federal Trade Commission and the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, to serve as a Federal equity receiver. The action is currently pending in the United States District of Florida.
- **PC Help Desk US** – Appointed by the Federal Trade Commission and the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, to serve as a Federal equity receiver. The action is currently pending in the United States District for the Northern District of Illinois.
- **American Precious Metals**, – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of an alleged precious metals boiler room. The actions was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Federal Trade Commission.
- **The Dolce Group** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of a fraudulent boiler room. The action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Federal Trade Commission.
- **Amante** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of a fraudulent boiler room. The action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- **Mutual Benefits Corporation** – Represented class representatives in a class action filed in the Mutual Benefits receivership proceeding pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. After less than one year of litigation, the court returned \$105 million dollars to the class representatives and all members of the class.
- **Viatical Capital, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of Viatical Capital, Inc. and its affiliates arising out of their fraudulent sale of \$59 million in securities. This action was filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.
- **Ameritel Payphone Distributors, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of Ameritel Payphone Distributors, Inc. The action was pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Schneider worked closely with the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant United States Attorney, resulting in a criminal conviction against the principal protagonist of the fraud.
- **USA Beverages, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of USA Beverages, Inc. arising out of its violation of federal law. The action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Federal Trade Commission.
- **Nationwide Connections, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of Nationwide Connections, Inc. arising out of its violation of federal law. The action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The action was initiated by the Federal Trade Commission.
- **Medco, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of Medco, Inc. in several actions arising out of its fraudulent sale of securities pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The Court returned over \$5 million to defrauded investors. Mr. Schneider worked closely with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Assistant United States Attorney, resulting in a criminal conviction against the principal protagonist of the fraud.
- **Bridgeport and Associates, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel to the receiver of Bridgeport and several affiliates in several actions arising out of a shut-down of these entities by the Federal Trade Commission pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
- **SunState FX, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel for the receiver of SunState in several actions arising out of SunState's securities fraud in South Florida pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The Court returned several millions of dollars to defrauded investors. Mr. Schneider worked closely with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Assistant United States Attorney, resulting in a criminal conviction against a principal protagonist of the fraud.

TRIAL WORK

- **Fannie Mae** – Lead trial counsel for Fannie Mae in connection with a preliminary injunction proceeding against the Ben Ezra & Katz law firm. The preliminary injunction was issued, and subsequently affirmed by the appellate court.
- **Gloab Marketing** – Lead trial counsel for an American entity against claims by a publicly-traded Russian entity involving mining rights in excess of \$100 million. The proceeding was settled after a one-week ICDR trial.
- **AgraCity** – Lead trial counsel for a Canadian entity against claims by an American entity involving ten million dollars on commodities shipped from Russia. The proceeding was settled after a two-week ICDR trial.
- **Fisher Island** – Co-lead trial counsel for the Plaintiff in a foreclosure action involving money laundering allegations against a national bank. The case was tried and judgment was issued in favor of the Plaintiff.
- **Carnival Corporation** – Lead trial counsel for Carnival in a breach of contract and fraud action pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The case was settled successfully for Carnival a few weeks before trial.

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- **HIP Health Plan of Florida, Inc.** – Lead trial counsel for HIP in actions arising out of provider and other agreements. All of the cases were favorably settled before trial.
- **Personnel One** – Lead trial counsel for Personnel One in a matter pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida alleging violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act. The matter was settled without Personnel One having to pay any money.
- **Charles Bosco** – Lead trial counsel in an Arbitration in which allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement were made. The matter was favorably settled before trial.
- **Premier Practice Management** – Lead trial counsel for Premier Practice Management in several actions against former physicians associated with the practice alleging breach of contract, breach of non-competition provisions, and violations of trade secret laws.
- **Lightech Electronics of North America** – Lead trial counsel for Lightech in an action accusing Lightech of violating non-compete provisions and trade secret laws. The matter was settled without Lightech having to pay any money.
- **Benchmark Office Solutions** – Lead trial counsel for Benchmark in an action pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in which Benchmark was accused of violating non-compete provisions, non-solicitation provisions, and trade secret laws. The matter was favorably settled just a few days before the preliminary injunction hearing.
- **Palmer Ranch Development, Ltd.** – Represented, along with another member of the Firm, Palmer Ranch in several actions pending in Sarasota County, Florida.

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BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- Florida State University (B.S., Double Major: Economics and Political Science)
- University of Florida School of Law (J.D., with honors)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Florida Bar, Member
- Board of Directors of Dade County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Former Member
- American Bar Association, Member



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