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**Lauri Waldman Ross**  
(*Ross & Girten*)  
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(*White & Case LLP*)  
**Richard Strafer**  
(*G Richard Strafer PA*)  
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(*Holland & Knight LLP*)  
**Sylvia H Walbolt**  
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**Gerald Cope**  
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**Steven L Brannock**  
(*Brannock & Humphries*)  
**Wendy F Lumish**  
(*Carlton Fields Jordan Burt*)

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#### Notable Practitioners

**Stacy Blank** (/person/387847/5) of Holland & Knight LLP acts on a wide variety of appeals. Clients praise her "top-notch skills," describing her as "a very bright attorney and very responsive."

**Gerald Cope** (/person/1180411/5) of Akerman LLP advises clients on a range of appellate issues. One deeply impressed peer notes his wealth of experience as a former District Court of Appeal judge: "His knowledge is just invaluable. He has this extra 5% of knowledge that the rest of us don't."

Clients enthuse about Akerman LLP appellate practitioner **Katherine Giddings** (/person/149154/5)'s "top-notch skills" and appreciate the way she "immediately commands respect of the tribunal. She's succinct, to-the-point and makes it her business to understand the decision maker and tailor her legal argument accordingly."

Practitioners cite **Bruce Rogow** (/person/194508/5) of Alters Law Firm as one of the deans of the Florida Appellate Bar. Sources describe him as a "very good all-around appellate practitioner," who is "very erudite, very intelligent, a good writer and good at oral argument."

**Major Harding** (/person/282101/5) of Ausley & McMullen, PA is a former Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. Peers consider him a "delightful guy to work with and a very talented senior figure in the Florida Appellate Bar."

**Steven Brannock** (/person/281385/5) of Brannock & Humphries acts on appeal for a variety of clients as part of his broad commercial disputes practice. Peers consider him an "excellent appellate practitioner."

Up-and-comer **Ceci Culpepper Berman** (/person/1183269/5) of Brannock & Humphries continues to make a name for herself in the appellate space and recently joined the firm from Fowler White Boggs. She brings experience in product liability work and bankruptcy matters to the appellate-focused boutique.

**Beverly Pohl** (/person/281638/5) of Broad and Cassel handles appellate matters throughout the state. Peers consider her "really top-flight, smart and creative."

**Matthew Conigliaro** (/person/680059/5) of Carlton Fields Jordan Burt is singled out as an "outstanding lawyer" by his peers. He is also commended by clients, who say: "His work product has been of the highest order, presenting our claim in a very thoughtful and deliberate manner."

Clients report that **Wendy Lumish** (/person/287488/5) of Carlton Fields Jordan Burt "does an absolutely fantastic job and knows the file backwards and forwards." Peers praise her knowledge of the law concerning product liability, and note her "stellar reputation" in the state.

**Sylvia Walbolt** (/person/171976/5) of Carlton Fields Jordan Burt impresses clients with "her commonsense, analytical approach." Interviewees report that "she cuts to the chase, and when you read the work product it cuts right to the issues, in a very clear and persuasive way."

Fowler White Boggs's **Hala Sandridge** (/person/281380/5) recently acted for behavioral care provider Comprehensive Care on a successful appeal against a \$2 million jury verdict. "She writes very well, and I was impressed with the fact that she was able to get up to speed on the case very quickly," said one client.

**Barry Richard** (/person/171325/5) is based in Greenberg Traurig, LLP's Tallahassee office and well known for his work on high-profile political cases at state and federal levels. Peers praise his advocacy in trial and appellate courts.

Peers praise Greenberg Traurig, LLP appellate lawyer **Elliot Scherker** (/person/194655/5)'s "great oral argument style; he knows the facts and the law, and he argues extremely well." Clients say: "His ability to analyze the issues, take apart the case and construct an argument is without equal." He often acts on securities fraud cases.

## Band 3

Jay M Levy

*(Jay M Levy PA)*

Nancy Little Hoffman

*(Nancy Little Hoffman PA)*

Rebecca Mercier Vargas

*(Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas, PA)*

Scott A Srebnick

*(Scott A Srebnick, PA)*

## Up and Coming

Ceci Culpepper Berman

*(Brannock & Humphries)*

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Sole practitioner [Richard Strafer \(/person/194846/5\)](#) has an outstanding reputation for acting on criminal appeals. "He is just top-rate," sources say. "His writing is terrific, his oral presentation is terrific, he's inventive and he knows the law and procedure inside out."

[Larry Klein \(/person/555388/5\)](#) is a former judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, and now regularly acts on key appeals out of Holland & Knight LLP's West Palm Beach office. Of a recent court appearance, one fellow lawyer says: "He was outstanding; he succinctly laid the issues out, answered questions straightforwardly, and went right for the weaknesses in the other side's case."

Peers say former District Court of Appeal judge [Rodolfo Sorondo \(/person/194823/5\)](#) of Holland & Knight LLP is "very smart and very forthright." Those who have worked with him are "very impressed by his creativity."

Sole practitioner [Jay Levy \(/person/194849/5\)](#) is well regarded by peers for his work on a wide array of appeals. Sources assert that "there is no case, regardless of the substantive law, that he couldn't handle."

Sources report that sole practitioner [Joel Perwin \(/person/194855/5\)](#) is "a brilliant writer and strategist," who "is very creative and never leaves a stone unturned." He handles a range of commercial matters from his Miami office, with particular emphasis on plaintiff-side personal injury appeals and supporting trial teams in motions practice.

[Jane Kreusler-Walsh \(/person/194845/5\)](#) of West Palm Beach firm [Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas, PA](#) receives praise for her ability to handle a broad range of issues, with fellow lawyers considering her "the purest form of appellate practitioner."

[Rebecca Mercier Vargas \(/person/557601/5\)](#) of [Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas, PA](#) primarily acts on personal injury and wrongful death matters. She also offers litigation support in trial courts, acting on key motions and issues of law.

Sources describe [John Mills \(/person/389207/5\)](#) of The Mills Firm as a "smart guy, who is very meticulous." He handles a broad range of appeals from his Tallahassee office.

Fort Lauderdale sole practitioner [Nancy Little Hoffman \(/person/282079/5\)](#) is "very bright, very thorough and very good," peers say. She is an experienced appellate specialist, who handles a diverse range of cases.

[Joel Eaton \(/person/194854/5\)](#) of Podhurst Orseck P.A. frequently acts on appeals in some of the largest personal injury class actions in Florida and across the country. He has an excellent reputation among appellate litigators.

[Stephen Rosenthal \(/person/278654/5\)](#) of Podhurst Orseck P.A. frequently provides appellate representation and trial support for plaintiffs in high-value class action cases, and also acts on securities litigation matters. "He's really smart, and a very good writer," peers report.

Peers say Miami-based sole practitioner [Robert Glazier \(/person/195132/5\)](#) is "very erudite," and praise the quality of his work.

[Lauri Waldman Ross \(/person/195131/5\)](#) of Ross & Girten "writes and conducts oral arguments very well and is very zealous," peers report. Appellate lawyers note the broad scope of her practice and the strength of her track record in handling key cases in the Third District Court of Appeal.

[Raymond Elligett \(/person/389184/5\)](#) is an appellate practitioner at Tampa-based litigation boutique Buell & Elligett. Sources note that he is "very well known in the state" and "judges think very highly of him."

"Top-flight" sole practitioner [Scott Srebnick \(/person/278465/5\)](#) handles criminal appeals with a focus on the representation of professional clients in complex cases.

Clients regard former Florida Supreme Court Justice [Raoul Cantero \(/person/557581/5\)](#) of White & Case LLP as "an excellent attorney," saying: "He is very knowledgeable about state government and he also has a broader view." His written and oral advocacy skills are praised by clients and peers.

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