

LANCE A. HARKE, P.A.

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LITIGATION ATTORNEY

Founding partner of AV-Preeminent rated Harke PA, a litigation boutique, and dedicates his practice to class action, complex commercial and consumer protection litigation. Served on a variety of multi-district litigations representing plaintiffs in mass tort and class action litigation. Frequent lecturer, instructor, and teacher in a variety of settings, including CLE classes for lawyers, guest lecturer in law schools, moot court judging, and in numerous legal programs across the country.

EXPERTISE

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| ❖ Consumer Class Action Litigation | ❖ Mediation / Arbitration Litigation |
| ❖ General Commercial Litigation | ❖ Complex Negotiations |
| ❖ Products Liability | ❖ Settlement Agreements |
| ❖ Insurance Litigation | ❖ Mass Tort Litigation |
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harke PA — Miami Shores, FL **Managing Partner, 1998 to Present**

Founding partner of the AV-rated law firm Harke PA which concentrates in multi-state consumer class action litigation, insurance litigation, employment matters, professional malpractice, products liability defense, and general and complex commercial litigation.

Steel Hector and Davis LLP — Miami, FL **Partner, 1990 to 1998**

Litigation Partner at storied preeminent Florida firm, representing large corporate clients such as DuPont and New York Life in the fields of products liability defense, class action defense, accountant malpractice, and insurance defense.

Southern District of Florida — Miami, FL **Law Clerk, 1992 to 1993**

Judicial law clerk for the Honorable Magistrate Judge Barry L. Garber.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Served as Co-Lead Counsel in more than 35 of the largest settlements ever obtained on behalf of borrowers against banks over their forced-placed insurance practices. These actions have led to regulatory and structural changes in the forced-placed insurance industry nationwide.

Served as Co-Lead counsel in one of the largest data breach multidistrict litigation in history, consisting of hundreds of millions of class members including consumers and financial institutions, and resulted in a multi-million-dollar settlement on behalf of the consumer class.

Co-Lead Counsel, obtained a multi-million-dollar settlement on behalf of a nationwide class in an action related to the marketing and sale of Kirin Ichiban beer.

Co-Class Counsel obtained a \$24 million cash settlement in a nationwide class action litigation against multiple entities regarding the deceptive and illegal marketing, sales and promotional activities for the AIDS wasting prescription drug Serostim.

Consumer Allocation Counsel on behalf of all consumers who purchased Bextra, as well as a member of the Purchaser Claims Committee in a mass tort action on behalf of millions of consumers nationwide.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- ❖ Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida, 1990
 - Editor-in-Chief of the University of Miami Law Review
 - Recipient of the Soia Mentschikoff Award for Excellence in Scholarly Writing
 - Full Scholarship as Dean's Merit Scholar Recipient
- ❖ Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 1987
- ❖ Adjunct Professor of Legal Research and Writing at St Thomas Law School, 1994 to 1997
- ❖ Co-Founder of the University of Miami School of Law Class Action and Complex Litigation Forum, established in 2015 to provide a full day CLE accredited seminar on class action and mass torts with leading scholars, judges, and practitioners, in addition to scholarships and other support for students interested in class action and mass torts. Creates the program each year, selects and organizes the panelists and sponsors, prepares the instruction material, and moderates one or more of the panels
- ❖ Bar Admissions: Florida, United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- ❖ Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator
- ❖ Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

PUBLICATIONS

The Scope of Discovery in the Federal Courts: A Survey of Published, Post-1980 Cases from the Federal Courts Regarding the Scope of Permissible Discovery in Civil Litigation, Editor, published by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation.

Product Liability Desk Reference: A Fifty State Compendium, Contributing Author, published by Aspen Law and Business.

Positive business climate requires well-funded court system, Contributing Author, published by The Miami Herald.

Board of Contributors: Proposed legal services funding cuts would hit the less fortunate hardest, Contributing Author, published by Daily Business Review

Judge Joan A. Lenard's order for state to provide services to autistic children an important one, Contributing Author, published by Daily Business Review

Inclusivity and Excellence: Guidelines and Best Practices for Judges Appointing Lawyers to Leadership Positions in MDL and Class Action Litigation, Contributing Author, published by the GW Complex Litigation Center

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ❖ AV-Preeminent Rating from Martindale Hubbell
- ❖ Harke & Clasby LLP named a "Top Litigation Shop," Daily Business Review, 2008
- ❖ 2015 Litigator Award™. Corporate America Legal Elite
- ❖ 2009 through 2020 Mr. Harke was named a "Super Lawyer" by Florida Super Lawyers Magazine
- ❖ 2010 through 2020 South Florida Legal Guide top lawyer, Commercial Litigation

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Past President of Legal Services of Greater Miami and past President for the Greater Miami Shores Chamber of Commerce. Recently completed a term as President of Temple Israel of Greater Miami and is a founding officer in the Miami Shores Bar Association. Member of the South Florida Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council and in 2011 was named Citizen of the Year for Miami Shores Village.