

## Sean R. Santini

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A commercial litigator with over 33 years of experience, Sean has represented Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, insurance companies, and corporate officers and directors in cases throughout Florida. He has tried and taken to verdict cases in both federal and state court and has handled arbitrations in and out of the United States.

Board certified by the Florida Bar in International Litigation & Arbitration, Sean is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell.

### Education

- Stanford Law School, J.D., 1989, Palo Alto, CA
- Columbia University, B.A., 1986, New York, NY

### Prior Professional Experience

- Akerman LLP (Partner)
- Greenberg Traurig, LLP (Partner)
- Aragon Burlington (n/k/a Coffey Burlington) (Partner)

### Professional Memberships and Activities

- American Bar Association
- Florida Bar
- Florida Bar International Litigation & Arbitration Committee

### Representative cases

- Represented CFO of national bank in federal securities fraud class action.
- Represented Texas developer in legal malpractice action arising out of law firm's handling of client's claims in Chinese Drywall Multidistrict Litigation.
- Defended a United States-based household goods manufacturer in a federal action by Puerto Rico distributor alleging wrongful termination of the parties' distributorship agreement.

- Represented a Major League Baseball player in a federal lawsuit alleging violations of the Torture Victims Protection Act.
- Represented Texas resident in federal lawsuit alleging theft of trade secrets and violations of non-compete agreement.
- Represented Brazilian executive in multicount action involving allegations of fraudulent representation in the sale of stocks in a Brazilian oil and gas venture.
- Represented U.S. based executive in RICO action involving allegations of theft from a financial institution in Mexico.
- Represented a Mexican television production company in a federal lawsuit seeking an injunction against a major U.S. Spanish-language broadcaster.
- Represented two United States-based contractors in the U.S. District Court for the Virgin Islands in a breach of contract action involving the dismantling of an aluminum processing plant.
- Represented a publicly traded multinational corporation in a federal action against its distributor in Central America alleging product diversion in violation of the parties' agreement.
- Represented a Canadian-owned corporation in a lawsuit (and parallel arbitration) against international bank and cruise line in dispute over branded credit cards.
- Represented Florida law firm in federal action arising out of failed real estate development in the Dominican Republic.

#### Representative cases tried to verdict or final arbitral award

- Represented international cardiac rhythm device manufacturer in federal jury trial involving claims of breach of employment and non-solicitation agreements.
- Defended a Fortune 500 company in a three-week federal jury trial in which client was alleged to have wrongfully terminated its Florida franchisee.
- Defended an aircraft lessor in a two-week jury trial in which the client was alleged to have breached the parties' lease agreement and interfered with plaintiff's business opportunities.
- Represented investor in two-week legal malpractice jury trial against law firm arising out of acquisition of real estate in the Dominican Republic.
- Represented a Chicago-based investor in a week-long jury trial against a Florida municipality over a disputed real estate transaction.
- Defended a Florida corporation in a jury trial under Florida's Whistleblower statute involving the client's alleged firing of an employee for refusing to disregard federal safety regulations.
- Represented a Florida not-for-profit corporation in a breach of contract/construction defects jury trial against a contractor that had performed post-hurricane repair work on the client's property.
- Represented US subsidiary of Spanish multinational corporation in an ICC arbitration involving a public infrastructure project in Puerto Rico.