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Todd S. Payne, Esq. is a Partner at Shaw Lewenz and Chair of the Firm's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Practice. Todd is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator with nearly 40 years of experience representing corporate and individual clients in complex commercial litigation, personal injury litigation, healthcare litigation, consumer litigation, aviation litigation, and class action/mass tort litigation. He has represented plaintiffs and defendants in the most consequential of legal matters, obtaining over \$100 million in jury verdicts in cases ranging from payer/provider disputes on behalf of Fortune 500 healthcare clients, to catastrophic aviation crash cases on behalf of pilots and crash victims.

In addition to his litigation practice, Todd has also assisted clients with a variety of corporate and transactional matters, including business and real estate acquisitions, corporate mergers and buy-outs, corporate formations, and contract and lease preparation.

Todd's broad range of experience uniquely positions him to serve as a mediator, arbitrator, private judge, or other neutral intermediary. His ability to grasp not only legal complexities, but also practical realities of litigation enable him to foster resolution in sophisticated matters when serving as a mediator or adjudicate complex disputes when serving as an arbitrator or private judge.

Todd has been recognized in publications such as the Daily Business Review and the National Law Journal as one of the top attorneys in the country and has been recognized by "Best Lawyers" as one of the best commercial litigation attorneys in the United States. Todd is rated AV® Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and is consistently named a Florida Super Lawyer.

Prior to joining Shaw Lewenz, Todd was the Co-chair of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at a nationally recognized boutique firm, where he worked for nearly three decades. In his spare time, Todd is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys boating, fishing, scuba diving, flying, snow skiing, golf and travel.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Health Lawyers Association, 2016-2020

Broward County Bar Association

– Bench and Bar Committee, 2012-2013, 2016-Present

– Vice Chair 2018-2019

– Chair 2019-2020

– Legislative Affairs Committee, 2017

– Professionalism Committee, 2006-2007, 2008-2009

– Business Law Committee, 2007

– Judicial Evaluation Survey Committee, 2007-2008

The Darrell Gwynn Foundation, 2002-2016

– Chairman, 2013-2016

FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, 2016-Present

The Florida Bar

– Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

– Business Law Section

– Health Law Section

– Real Property, Probate & Trust Section

– Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, 2007-2013

– Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee, Vice-Chairman 2012-2013

– Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 2014-2017

Federal Bar Association, 2015-Present

The Federalist Society, 2019-Present

University of Miami Law Alumni Association, President, 2004

PRACTICE AREAS

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Courts for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

District of Columbia

United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION

University of Miami, J.D.

University of Miami, B.A.

Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator

PADI Certified Scuba Diver

FAA Certified Pilot

SCCA Licensed Competition Driver

AWARDS

University of Miami Iron Arrow Honor Society, 1983

University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association,

Thomas Davison, III, Memorial Service Award, 2000

University of Miami Alumni Association, Orange Award for Outstanding Service Award, 2011

Daily Business Review Top Florida Verdicts & Settlements of 2013

National Law Journal 2013 Big Money

Super Lawyers, 2014, 2016-2025

FBI Citizens Academy Graduate, 2015

U.S. News Today "The Best Lawyers in America" Award in Commercial Litigation, 2019-Present

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating