

## Carl Joseph Coleman

C. Joseph Coleman practices in both state and federal trial courts, business litigation, including contract disputes, business dissolution, restrictive covenants, wrongful discharge, and franchise disputes, in addition to real estate and probate litigation. He also practices in the fields of banking, corporate and small business matters. Mr. Coleman is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator.

**Firm President; Member of Firm Board of Directors  
Firmwide Recruitment and Hiring Shareholder**

### Representative Experience

- Smith, Geraghty & Coleman, Fort Myers, FL  
Partner
- Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage, Fort Myers, FL  
Associate,
- Coleman & Coleman, Attorneys at Law, Fort Myers, FL  
Associate
- Edison Community College, Fort Myers, FL  
Adjunct Professor
- University of South Florida, Fort Myers, FL  
Adjunct Professor

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Calusa American Inn of Court
- The Federal Bar Association of Southwest Florida: Past President
- The Florida Bar
- The Lee County Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Lee Mental Healthcare, Inc.: Trustee, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors

### Distinctions

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2006-2010

**Certified Mediator**, Florida Supreme Court

**Florida Super Lawyers**, 2006-2009



### President

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### Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment Law  
Mediation, Arbitration and ADR  
Non-Competition and Trade Secrets  
Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation

### Industries

Banking and Financial Services  
Construction: Litigation, Arbitration and  
Mediation

### Education

J.D., Florida State University College of  
Law, 1985

B.A., Georgetown University, 1982

University of Sussex, Falmer, England,  
1981

### Bar Admissions

Florida

### Court Admissions

Florida State Courts  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Claims  
U.S. Courts of Appeals, Eleventh  
Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of  
Florida

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U.S. District Court, Southern  
District of Florida

### Languages

German  
Spanish (intermediate)