

## 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, wage and hour disputes, 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, and has mediated a wide-range of commercial, real estate, probate and employment and wage and hour matters.

**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

- Habitat for Humanity of Lee County, Inc.: Board of Directors
- Lee Mental Healthcare, Inc.: Trustee, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Tiger Bay Club of Lee County: Vice President

### Distinctions

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

**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2006-2012

**Certified Mediator**, Florida Supreme Court

**Florida Super Lawyers**, 2006-2011



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### Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment Law  
Mediation, Arbitration and ADR  
Non-Competition and Trade Secrets  
Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation

### 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

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

### Languages

German  
Spanish (intermediate)