



Russell Buchanan

Of Counsel

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Russell B. Buchanan is a real estate, bankruptcy, litigation and labor and employment attorney with Baker Donelson.

Mr. Buchanan's real estate litigation practice is focused on complex commercial disputes involving national and regional banks, loan servicers (including special servicers), and floor-plan lenders. He has extensive experience litigating contested commercial foreclosure matters involving real property receiverships, non-recourse carveouts, workout and forbearance agreements, and lender liability counterclaims. This representation extends into bankruptcy court, where Mr. Buchanan represents financial institutions, lenders, and other creditors in contested bankruptcy matters. Mr. Buchanan has also been lead counsel on a number of commercial acquisitions, development and refinancing transactions.

Mr. Buchanan's real estate experience extends into the consumer and residential arenas, where he has served as both trial and appellate counsel in state and federal courts through Florida in matters pertaining to loan document enforcement, developer and joint-venture disputes, construction and lien disputes, and title insurance disputes. Mr. Buchanan has also been lead counsel in more than 100 commercial eviction matters in every major metropolitan area in Florida.

Mr. Buchanan also maintains an active general litigation and employment litigation practice, where he defends employers in federal and state courts in class action and collective action cases, with an emphasis on consumer protection and wage and hour claims. He is a member of the [Firm's 24 Hour Motor Carrier Emergency Response Team](#), a group of attorneys dedicated to providing rapid post-accident intervention and investigation throughout the Firm's footprint and beyond.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Mr. Buchanan worked for nearly seven years at a statewide Florida law firm, first as a law clerk and then as an associate. In his spare time, Mr. Buchanan coaches the Florida State University Club Roller Hockey team and volunteers as a youth hockey coach.

Representative Matters

- Served as outside Florida counsel for a NYSE-listed REIT.
- Served as outside general counsel to large multifamily housing developer.
- Represented national institutional lenders in connection with forbearance agreements and workout agreements.
- Represented lenders and borrowers in numerous contested commercial foreclosure matters where loan balances exceed \$10 million.
- Represented various institutional and private lenders in contested Chapter 11 cases.
- Served as counsel to UK Trustee in Bankruptcy in Chapter 15 proceedings.

Professional Honors & Activities

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell in the areas of Bankruptcy, Litigation and Commercial Law
- Member – The Florida Bar
- President/Past Treasurer/Member – Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association



Publications

- "Coronavirus: Florida Small Business COVID-19 Bridge Loans" (March 20, 2020)
- "Reading the CFPB Amicus Tea Leaves ," *Corporate Counsel* (November, 2016)
- "Reading the CFPB Amicus Tea Leaves" (July 25, 2016)
- Co-author – "The Florida Condominium Termination Trap," *Law360*, reprint, Florida Bankers Association *FBA Insights* (July, 2014 and October, 2014)



Speaking Engagements

- "Sun, Sand & Success – Legal Compliance for Florida Businesses" (October 2016)
- Co-presenter – "Florida Non-Competes: Trends and Best Practices," webinar (March, 2015)



Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 2008
 - Managing Editor, *Florida State Business Law Review*
 - Book Award – *Contracts II*
 - Book Award – *State and Local Taxation*
- University of Vermont, B.A., Political Science, 2005, honors



Admissions

- Florida, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit