



Royce B. Badger Jr.

Attorney

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Royce B. Badger is an experienced litigator in Baker Donelson's Fort Lauderdale office and a member of the Advocacy Department.

Royce focuses his practice on commercial and business litigation, representing businesses, property owners, and individuals in a broad range of matters in both state and federal courts. His practice includes disputes involving real estate and property rights, breach of contract, shareholder and ownership disputes, business torts, fiduciary duty claims, and other complex commercial litigation, including matters involving emergency injunctive relief.

Royce has significant courtroom experience and has served as first chair in multiple jury trials. He has litigated cases from inception through final resolution, including settlement and mediation, and has successfully handled dispositive motion practice in both state and federal courts. During his legal career, Royce also gained valuable experience as in-house counsel for two large insurance companies, where he defended clients in depositions, drafted and argued substantive motions, managed discovery, and advised on trial strategy, regulatory compliance, and company policies.

During law school, Mr. Badger served as a judicial intern for Judges Alice L. Blackwell and Lisa Munyon of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

Mr. Badger is fluent in French and Spanish.

Representative Matters

General Litigation

- Obtained a permanent injunction on behalf of commercial property owners in complex litigation involving competing ownership and easement claims to portions of a privately owned lake, prohibiting defendants from continuing unauthorized commercial operations on the property after more than two years of contested litigation.
- Secured a \$400,000 settlement on behalf of a commercial brokerage client in litigation arising from a breached brokerage agreement related to equity financing for multiple real estate development projects.
- Obtained summary judgment enforcing an installment payment agreement, resulting in entry of judgment in favor of the client after the opposing party failed to present any evidence creating a triable issue of fact as to breach or enforceability.
- Defeated a premises liability claim at summary judgment in a case alleging a slip-and-fall caused by a purportedly leaking appliance, establishing that the plaintiff lacked evidence of actual or constructive knowledge as required under § 768.0755, Florida Statutes.

Trial Experience

- First chaired a Broward County jury trial resulting in a full defense verdict for a homeowner's insurance company where the plaintiff was claiming in excess of \$245,000 in damages as a result of an alleged plumbing leak.
- First chaired a Miami-Dade County jury trial to a favorable resolution on behalf of an insurance company resulting in a full defense verdict where the plaintiffs alleged more than \$130,000 in damages as a result of Hurricane Irma.

- First chaired a Broward County jury trial resulting in a full defense verdict for a homeowner's insurance company resulting in a full defense verdict where the plaintiffs were claiming \$84,000 in damages as a result of Hurricane Eta.
- First chaired a Broward County jury trial resulting in a full defense verdict for a homeowner's insurance company where the plaintiffs were claiming more than \$175,000 in damages as a result of Hurricane Dorian.

Appellate and Dispositive Motion Practice

- Drafted a motion for summary judgment granted by the trial court judge and affirmed by the Third District Court of Appeal based on the judge's finding that the plaintiff could not bring tort litigation where the insured, a plumbing company, was eligible for horizontal workers' compensation immunity pursuant to Florida Statute Section 440.10(1)(e).
- Drafted a motion for summary judgment granted by the trial court judge based on the court's finding that the plaintiff presented no evidence to demonstrate that his consumption of bottled water purchased from client's store was the proximate cause of his alleged complaints.
- Drafted a motion for summary judgment granted by the trial court judge and affirmed by the Third District Court of Appeal based on the Court's finding that client's presence as a subcontractor at a pharmacy retail store undergoing construction was not causally related to the plaintiff's alleged injuries.
- Drafted a motion for summary judgment granted by the trial court judge based on the court's finding that the plaintiff failed to present any evidence supporting the claim that client designed, manufactured, and/or distributed the allegedly defective chair that caused his injuries.
- Briefed and successfully argued defendant's exceptions to magistrate judge's recommendation to deny a motion to dismiss where the plaintiff failed to show any privity of contract between the plaintiff and the insurer.
- Drafted an answer brief on behalf of an appellee resulting in the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeals *per curiam* affirming the lower court's order denying the defendant's motion for transfer of venue.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – The Florida Bar, Young Lawyers Section
- Member – Miami Dade County Bar Association (2017 – present)
 - Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Member – American Bar Association (2013 – present)
- Member – Broward County Bar Association
- Member – Orange County Bar Association (2013 – 2015)



Community Honors & Activities

- Volunteer – Zebra Coalition
- Volunteer – ALS Walk for Lou Gehrig's Disease
- South Florida Volunteer – Emory Cares
- Alumni Interviewer – South Florida Emory Alumni



Publications

- "Procedural and Substantive Reform of the World Bank's Development Strategies to Promote Environmental Human Rights Protection in the Sahel Region of Sub-Saharan Africa," *Africa Law Today* (March 2014)



Education

- Florida A&M University College of Law, J.D., 2014, cum laude

- Emory University, B.A., 2009



Admissions

- Florida, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- Florida Middle District Bankruptcy Court