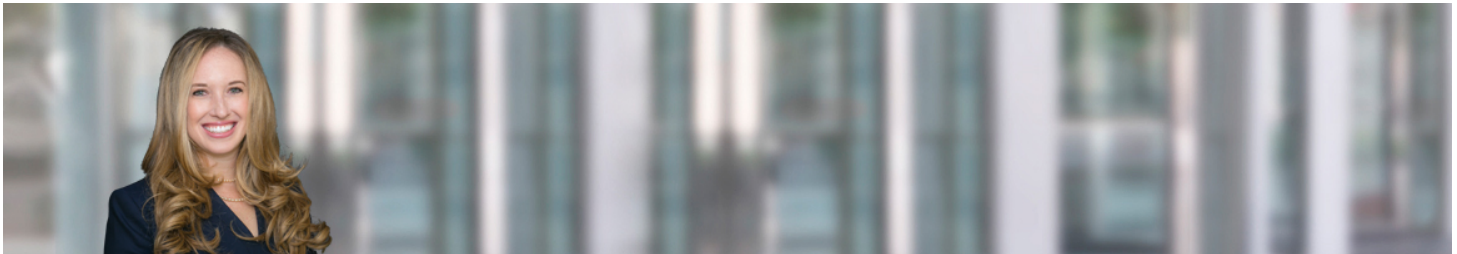


## Chelsea Koff



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### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

White Collar Defense &

Investigations

Estate, Probate & Trust Litigation

### OVERVIEW

Chelsea is a trial attorney having done over 35 jury trials and over 50 nonjury trials in both civil and criminal matters in the last 10 years. She represents clients regarding the full gamut of complex commercial matters in state and federal court. Her experience spans a wide range of business disputes including contract claims, Shareholder disputes, fraud, business torts, regulatory matters, estates and trusts litigation, commercial loan foreclosure, real estate litigation, and employment litigation. She also counsels clients involved in government investigations and white-collar criminal cases.

Chelsea started her career as an Assistant State Attorney in Broward County, Florida. From there, and prior to joining the Firm, Chelsea was an associate in an Am Law 50 law firm, where she gained extensive eDiscovery and eRetention experience, using technology-assisted review (TAR) to manage large-scale litigation efficiently and effectively. In addition to her litigation practice, Chelsea is a member of the Firm's Diversity Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Second Chair to Gene Stearns for 2-week jury trial in defense of various companies under the Sigma Plastics Group on fraudulent inducement, breach of fiduciary duty, constructive fraud, and conspiracy claims. Obtained directed verdict on liability and damages at the close of evidence presented to the jury in Broward County.

Lead trial counsel on behalf of Benihana restaurant in defense of employment discrimination and retaliation claims. Obtained full defense verdict after a 4-day jury trial in Broward County.

Represented BankUnited in a loan default action and in defense of breach of fiduciary duty counterclaims. Obtained 35 million dollar judgment on behalf of BankUnited on summary final judgment in Miami Dade County.

Represented the RDI Corporation in prosecuting breach of contract claims and in defense of breach of contract counterclaims. Obtained million-dollar judgment on summary final judgment in the Southern District of New York.

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ArtServe Fort Lauderdale, Board of Directors, 2024-Present

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County, Board of Directors Executive Committee, 2021-Present

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, 2019-Present

Corporate Council, 2023-Present

Entrepreneurial Council, 2019-2023

Friends of the Museum of Discovery and Science, Board Member, 2014-2019

Board Chair, 2016-2019

Broward Center for the Performing Arts', 2017-Present

Ghost Light Society, Steering Committee Member, 2017

Florida Bar, Grievance Committee, 2018-2021

Chair, 2020-2021

Vice Chair, 2019-2020

Member, 2018-2021

Leadership Broward, Class XXXVIII, 2019

Chair, Community Projects, 2022-Present

Leadership Fort Lauderdale, Class XXV, 2018

Chair, Law & Justice Day, 2020-2023

Broward County Bar Association

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## RECOGNITION

Daily Business Review Florida Legal Award, On the Rise (Small/Midsize Firm) Honoree, 2024

Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, 2021-Present

*Ft. Lauderdale Illustrated*, Broward Top Lawyers, 2021-2023

*South Florida Business & Wealth Magazine*, "Up & Comer," 2019

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## NEWSROOM

**In the Media: [ArtServe Welcomes Four New Board Members](#)**

Broadway World | | April 2024

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**Firm Announcements:** [Chelsea Koff and Bridge to Law School Program honored with Daily Business Review's 2024 Florida Legal Awards](#)

| February 2024

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**Firm Announcements:** [Stearns Weaver Miller Names Five New Shareholders](#)

| September 2021

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## EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2012

*Florida Journal of International Law*, Editor

*Journal of Technology Law & Policy*, Editor and Communications Director

B.S., *cum laude*, University of Florida, 2008

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## ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida