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Darren Friedman is a founding partner and principal at Foreman Friedman.

He has extensive litigation and appellate experience and specializes in handling complex civil litigation including commercial, admiralty, personal injury, and medical negligence claims. Mr. Friedman practices in both federal and state courts and has dozens of published opinions. His has provided representation for cruise lines, cargo lines and other vessel owners, hotels, tour operators, travel agents and those involved in the hospitality and tourism industry as well as many other corporate and small organizations. Mr. Friedman specializes in, and often provides, crisis advice and management.

Mr. Friedman routinely handles appellate matters for the firm's clients and has argued numerous appeals before the Third District Court of Appeals; as well as drafting briefs for presentation before the Florida Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Friedman is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, indicating his peers rank him at the

highest level of professional excellence in terms of both legal ability and ethical standards. Mr. Friedman has also been published in numerous trade journals.

In addition to his trial practice, Mr. Friedman is a Florida Supreme Court, Circuit Court certified mediator and is available to mediate throughout the country, both in person and via videoconference.

Admitted to Practice:

- State of Florida
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Courts - Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh District
- Florida Supreme Court, Circuit Court certified mediator

Awards and Recognition:

- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Ratings
- Best Lawyers in America 2012-2027
- Florida Legal Elite 2009-2011, 2013-2015
- Florida Super Lawyers 2013-2026
- Florida Super Lawyers "Florida Rising Stars," 2009-2012
- South Florida Legal Guide "Top Lawyer", 2011-2022
- South Florida Legal Guide "Top Up and Comers," 2008-2010

Publications:

- "Fighting Fire With Fire: The Debate Over Arming Merchant Vessels," The Maritime Executive
- "Is Bigger Better," Resort & Recreation Magazine
- "Hotel Security: Cutting Back Now may be Costly in the Future,"Southern Hospitality
- "The Intersection of Law and Marketing,"Packaged Traveler
- "Bridging Troubled Waters,"Lodging Hospitality
- “Liability Lessons from the Maersk Alabama,” The Maritime Executive

- "Assault on the High Seas: How Cautious Crew Selection can Prevent Employer Liability," The Maritime Executive
- "When Client Turns Claimant: A Travel Agent's Guide to Disclaiming unwanted Liability,"Travel Agent Central
- "Islands in the Sun - Cruise Line Liability for Watercraft Operations on Private Islands," University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal

Education:

- University of Miami, School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1998)
- University of Florida (B.A., with honors, 1994)