

MICHAEL SINGER
MANAGING PARTNER

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Michael Singer is the Managing Partner in the law firm of Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP and concentrates in the areas of, estate planning, estate trust, & guardianship litigation, asset protection and health-care law. Michael has been representing clients in South Florida for nearly 30 years and is a frequent lecturer and program chair in the areas of estate planning, asset protection, and risk management. Michael also is a certified mediator who mediates in his numerous areas of expertise.

Over the past ten years, Michael has very successfully litigated numerous cases on behalf of both beneficiaries and fiduciaries in complex estate and trust litigation, as well as in complex guardianship matters. Michael's expertise as both an estate planner and as a litigator provides clients with a unique and comprehensive approach to estate and trust litigation.

As an author, Michael has been published on numerous occasions, writing articles on asset protection (including medical practice risk management), estate planning and taxation. His articles have appeared in various publications including the Palm Beach Medical Society Journal, the Journal of Asset Protection, the Florida Bar Journal and the Estate Tax Planning Advisor. He co-authored four editions of Chapter 2 of Asset Protection in Florida (Florida Bar 2008-2015) and authored Chapter 3 of the Representing Physicians Handbook, published by the American Health Lawyers Association (January 2006). Additionally, Michael authored what was at the time widely recognized as the leading article analyzing whether retirement plans were exempt from creditor attachment.

Michael has served as an expert witness in bankruptcy litigation involving exemptions from creditor attachment and has served as liaison to the Palm Beach County Medical Society in educating physicians in the areas of asset protection, business planning, estate planning and risk management. Michael received his B.A. from Tulane University and his law degree (J.D.) as well as a Masters Degree in Tax Law (LL.M) from the University of Florida. A South Florida native, Michael is married with three children.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- + The Florida Bar (Sections: Tax, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Health Care)
- + The Florida Bar, Past Co-Chair, Tax Procedures Division of the Tax Section
- + The Florida Bar, Asset Protection Committee of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section
- + The Florida Bar, Probate and Trust Litigation Committee of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section
- + The Florida Bar, Probate Law and Procedure Committee of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section

+ American Health Lawyers Association (Member: Physician Group; Medical Malpractice and Physician Practice Group Task Force)

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS:

- + Certified Mediator
- + Top 100 Attorneys in Florida, as selected by Super Lawyers Magazine
- + Florida Super Lawyer as selected by Super Lawyers Magazine
- + Top Lawyers in South Florida
- + The Best Lawyers in America
- + Top Attorneys in Florida, The Wall Street Journal and Miami Magazine
- + Strathmore's Who's Who

Publications:

- + **Asset Protection in Florida, The Florida Bar**, "Editions One through Four" (current) – Author – Tenancies by the Entireties (PDF Not Available)
- + **Representing Physicians Handbook**, Author/Editor (PDF Not Available)
- + **Trends in Risk Management of Asset Protection**, March 2005
- + **How Safe is the Tenancy by the Entirety?**, On Call Magazine, February-March 2004
- + **Licensure Issues in Going Bare**, On Call Magazine, 2003
- + **Almost Everything You Want to Know About Saving for College (Co-Author)** Estate Tax Planning Advisor, in two consecutive issues, June-July 2002, Volume 1, Issues 5 and 6
- + **Can the Small Business Owner Survive Patterson?** Journal of Asset Protection, Volume 5, Number 5, May-June 2000
- + **Asset Protection Strategies**, On Call Magazine, October 1998
- + **Are Qualified Plans Exempt in Bankruptcy?**
Patterson and Its Aftermath Part 1 | Part 2
Journal of Asset Protection, Part 1 in July-August 1997, Part 2 in September-October 1997
- + **Fighting the Statute of Limitations-Is There Hope?** Florida Bar Journal Volume LXVI, Number 10, November 1992
- + **Can Physicians Protect their Assets?**, On Call Magazine, December 1991