



LESSER LANDY SMITH & SIEGEL PLLC

Florida Injury Lawyers

Gary S. Lesser, Esq.

Managing Partner, Lesser, Landy, Smith & Siegel – Florida Injury Lawyers

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Managing Partner of a 99-year-old personal injury law firm that handles cases across the State of Florida. Leading a team of 10 skilled trial attorneys focusing on client service and communication, combined with strong advocacy and significant litigation experience to get superior results for our clients. Working only on referral, no formal advertising, the firm has handled thousands of cases with a proven track record of excellent results. Lectures across Florida on personal injury law and legal ethics. Long term service to the legal profession and the community.

Legal Community Involvement

The Florida Bar, Admitted 1992

- President, June 2022 – June 2023
- President Elect, June 2021 – June 2022
- Board of Governors, June 2011 – June 2021
- Member of Executive Committee for five years
- Legislation Committee Chair for three years
- Florida Bar Advertising Committee, Chair for 2010 – 2011 and Vice Chair for 2009 – 2010
- Professional Ethics Committee, Joined Committee in 1998, Vice Chair for 2001 – 2003 and Chair for 2003 – 2004
- Served on the: Communications Committee, Disciplinary Review Committee, Review Committee on Professional Ethics, Constitutional Review Commission Committee, and Strategic Planning Committees
- Fourth DCA Judicial Nominating Commission Screening Committee Chair
- Designated Reviewer, 15th Judicial Circuit Grievance Comm "E"
- Chair, Fifteenth Circuit Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Committee
- Board Liaison, Health Law Section
- Board Liaison, Constitutional Judiciary Committee
- Board Liaison, Unlicensed Practice of Law Standing Committee

National Conference of Bar Presidents

- Communications Committee (2024 – Present)
- 21st Century Lawyer Committee (2023 – Present)

Palm Beach County Bar Association, November 1992 – Present

- Professionalism Committee (Chair for 1999 – 2002 and Co-Chair for 1998 – 1999)
- Medical Legal Committee (Chair for 2005 – 2008 and 2010 – 2011)

Florida Bar Foundation



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- Board Member and served on Investment Committee (2005 - 2008)
- Fellow

Florida Justice Association, 1993 - Present

- Eagle Patron
- Former Member of the CLE Committee

University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association

- Former Vice President
- Board member for many years

American Bar Association, 1993 - Present

- ABA Fellow (2016 – Present)
- National Council of Bar Presidents

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

- The Attorneys Division Chair

Martin County Bar Association

- Professionalism Committee

Professional Memberships and Involvement

- Jewish Lawyers Association of Palm Beach County, Immediate Past President (2026); Founding President (2024 – 2026)
- Member of Florida Association for Women Lawyers (Palm Beach County Chapter)
- Member of Florida Association for Women Lawyers (South Palm Beach County Chapter)
- Member of Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court
- Chair Attorneys Division, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
- Martin County Bar Association, Professionalism Committee
- Member of Jacksonville Bar Association
- Member of Broward County Bar Association
- Member of B'nai B'rith Justice Unit #5207
- Member of Federal Bar Association, Palm Beach Chapter
- Member of Palm Beach County Justice Association
- Member of American Association for Justice

Community Leadership and Involvement

- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Board of Directors (2024 – Present)
- Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Trustees (2023 – Present) Chair of the CLE Committee



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- Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors (2023 – Present) Co-Chair Pro Bono Nite 2014, 2015
- Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee (2023 – 2026); Board Member (2018 - 2023)
- Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Board Member (2010 – Present) and former PAC Chair and Executive Committee
- Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, Board Member (2023 – Present; 1995 – 2021), Community Relations Council Chair (Present) Former Campaign Outreach Chair, Former Business & Professional Division Chair, Former President of the Young Leadership Division, Former Attorneys Division Chair
- Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Board of Directors (2023 – Present; 2015 – 2022)
- Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon Co-Chair (2023, 2021, 2019, 2017)
- West Palm Beach Library Foundation, Legacy Board (2025 – Present) Board Member and Of Counsel (2018 – 2024)
- Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Board Member (2014 - Present)
- Parent Television Council, National Board Member (2014 - 2021)
- Palm Beach State College Commencement Speaker (2022)
- American Heart Association, Executives with Heart Chair (2019 - 2021)
- Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Board Member and served on Investment and Fundraising Committees (2011 - 2017)
- Hillel of Palm Beach and Broward Counties, Board Member (2012 - 2015), Honorary Board (2015 – Present)
- Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Business & Professionals (B&P) Cabinet Co- Chair (2012 - 2014), Breakfast Networking Series Co-Chair (2017-2021)
- Trustee Member of Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
- Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Preparatory School, former Fundraising Vice President, former Legal Vice President, and Board Member for over 20 years
- Trustee Member of the Stuart Martin County Chamber of Commerce
- Anti-Defamation League, Jurisprudence Award Winner and multiple Jurisprudence Event Chair
- Former Member of the Palm Beach Medical Society Medical Services Board
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Member
- Former Board Member of the Mandel Jewish Community Center Board of Directors
- Former Member of the Temple Beth David Board of Trustees
- Former Member of Challenging the Future, benefitting UB Kinsey Palmview Elementary School of the Arts

Honors and Awards

- AV[®] Preeminent Rating (2004 – Present)
- Florida Super Lawyers Personal Injury Law (2006 – Present)
- National Trial Lawyers Top 100 (2023 - Present)
- Best Lawyers Best Law Firm (2010 – Present)
- Florida Legal Elite “Hall of Fame” by Florida Trend magazine (2006 – Present)
- U.S. News & World Report Best Law Firm (2013 – Present)



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- Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs (2013 – Present)
- Sidney A. Stubbs Professionalism Awards from Palm Beach County Bar Association (2024)
- Iron Arrow Honor Society University of Miami (2023)
- Palm Beach Illustrated Top Lawyer and Top 100 Most Influential Business Leaders (2023 - Present)
- Boca Raton Observer Top Lawyer (2023)
- Tradition of Excellence Award from the Florida Bar Solo & Small Firm Section (2023)
- City & State FL South Florida Power 100 (2023)
- South Florida's Top-Rated Lawyers (2023)
- Ed Tancer Distinguished Alumni Award from Education Foundation of Palm Beach County (2023)
- Luminary Award from Alpert Jewish Family Service (2023)
- Florida Trend Magazine Florida 500 (2024, 2023, 2022)
- Community Leadership Award from In Jacob's Shoes (2022)
- Florida Bar President Award (2022, 2017)
- LawDragon 500 Leading Plaintiffs Lawyers in America (2019 – Present)
- Palm Beach Illustrated Top 100 West Palm Beach (2019 – Present)
- I Am Hillel Award from Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach (2018)
- Judge Edward Rodgers Diversity Award from the Palm Beach County Bar Association (2017)
- Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League (2015)
- Harriet Goldstein Award from Families First of Palm Beach County (2014)
- Judge Learned Hand Award from AJC Global Jewish Advocacy (2014)
- Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches (2014)
- Character Counts Business of the Year Award from the United Way of Martin County (2013)
- Alumni Leadership Award from the University of Miami School of Law (2012)
- Supporter of the Year Award from Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County (2010)
- Businessperson of the Year Award from the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce (2009 – 2010)
- Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Federation (2001)
- Israel Unity Award from the State of Israel Bonds (1996)

Notable Verdicts and Settlements

- Confidential Settlement - High School Student Killed by Tractor Trailer
- Significant Confidential Settlement – Minor Sexual Abuse Case
- Confidential Settlement – Pedestrian Death Case
- \$6.3 Million Verdict – Motorcycle Accident Death Case
- \$5 Million Verdict – Wrongful Death Motor Vehicle Accident
- Confidential Settlement – Shooting Death of Minor Child
- Confidential Settlement - Drunk Driving Wrongful Death Case
- \$3.1 Million Car Accident case with partial paralysis.
- \$2.1 Million – Policy Limits Recovery/Motor Vehicle Accident
- \$1.2 Million – Golf Cart Negligence



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Experience

Managing Partner, May 1992 – Present

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Managing Partner of 10-lawyer firm focusing on personal injury cases with an emphasis on aggressively moving cases forward and providing good client service and communication. The firm's practice areas include motor vehicle accidents, wrongful death, medical malpractice, nursing home neglect/abuse, product liability, and premises liability. Oversees the firm's daily operations, directs the firm's community involvement, and handles an active caseload.

Law Clerk, Aronovitz Trial Lawyers, 1990 - 1992

Worked directly with Managing Partner Tod Aronovitz, one of Florida's leading trial lawyers and a former President of the Florida Bar, on all aspects of legal research preparation of correspondence and pleadings and assisting with all aspects of trial preparation.

Miami Dade County Homeless Legal Project, 1990

As part of the Summer Honors Program, I was placed at the Miami Dade County Homeless Legal Project, now known as the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. Conducted legal research and drafted Memos of Law on the issues of overbroad city ordinances affecting the homeless population.

Intern, Senator Lawton Chiles, 1986 - 1987

Handled mail, conducted research and drafted correspondence and position met with visiting constituents and community leader's papers at the direction of Senate staff

Education

University of Miami School of Law

1992, Juris Doctorate

The George Washington University

1989 B.A., International Affairs

Academic Honors and Activities

University of Miami School of Law

- Editor in Chief, *Res Ipsa Loquitur* 1991 - 1992
- Associate Editor, *Yearbook of International Law* 1991 - 1992
- Bar & Gavel Society, 1990 - 1992
- Phi Alpha Delta 1989 - 1992
- Summer Honors Program/Florida Bar Iota Fellowship 1990



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The George Washington University

- Associate Editor, George Washington Hatchet 1988 - 1999
- Editor-in-Chief, George Washington Journal 1987 - 1981
- Senate President Pro Tempore 1988 - 1989
- Contributor WRGW Radio Station 1987 – 1988

Personal

Born in West Palm Beach, Florida; Married to Jennifer since 1994; Three children: Lillian, Josie, and Rebecca