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John Shahady practices in the area of commercial litigation, focusing on business litigation and appellate practice. He has handled numerous jury and non-jury trials, and appeals, in state and federal courts. He was formerly a magistrate judge for Broward County, presiding over non-criminal traffic matters. He received his undergraduate degree from Guilford College, where he participated in intercollegiate football, and received his J.D. and M.B.A. from the University of Akron.

Mr. Shahady has an "AV Preeminent Rating" by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings. The AV Rating is the highest possible rating given by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review for an attorney and is established wholly on a peer-review basis. The AV Preeminent designation signifies that an attorney has been rated by Judges and fellow attorneys as having the highest possible rating for legal abilities and ethical standards, and is awarded to less than fourteen percent of all attorneys across the United States. Mr. Shahady has been named in the 2013 edition of South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers in Appellate Law.

He is currently board certified by the Florida Bar in both business litigation and appellate practice. According to The Florida Bar, board certification recognizes attorneys' special knowledge, skills and proficiency in various areas of law and professionalism and ethics in practice. Certification is the highest level of evaluation by the Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys in the areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida. Mr. Shahady is currently one of only two attorneys in Florida to have a dual certification in both business

litigation and appellate practice, and signifies that he has been designated as a specialist in all areas of business litigation from evaluating, handling and resolving disagreements prior to the filing of a law suit, preparing for and trying cases, through post-judgment proceedings and the appellate process.

Mr. Shahady has represented clients in appeals in the Florida District Courts of Appeal, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Florida. His significant reported opinions are as follows:

- *Advanced Mobilehome Systems v. Alumax*, 666 So. 2d 166 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1995) (Reversed final judgment with instructions to enter a judgment in the client's favor);
- *Temple Emanu-el v. Tremarco Industries*, 705 So. 2d 983 (Fla. 4th DCA 1998) (Reversed an order compelling arbitration);
- *Michael Acri Boxing Promotions, Inc. v. Miles*, 758 So. 2d 704 (Fla. 4th DCA 2000) (Affirmed an order garnishing funds);
- *Matluck v. Matluck*, 825 So.2d 1071 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002) (Granted certiorari requiring mediator to be disqualified);
- *D&M Jupiter Inc. v. Friedopfer*, 853 So. 2d 485 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003) (Reversed summary judgment against the client);
- *American Learning Systems v. Bennett*, 857 So. 2d 986 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003) (Reversed order denying attorney's fees);
- *Kind v. Gittman*, 889 So. 2d 87 (Fla. 4th DCA 2004) (Reversed final judgment against the client with instructions to enter a judgment in the client's favor);
- *Madsen, Sapp v. Palm Beach Polo*, 899 So. 2d 435 (Fla. 4th DCA 2005) (Reversed final judgment against the client with instructions to enter judgment in the client's favor);
- *Blue Paper Inc. v. Provost*, 914 So. 2d 1048 (Fla. 4th DCA 2005) (Affirmed final judgment in client's favor);
- *Chambliss v. Benedikter*, 941 So. 2d 589 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006) (Reversed final judgment with directions to enter amended judgment in client's favor);
- *Palm Beach Polo v. Madsen, Sapp*, 957 So. 2d 36 (4th DCA 2007) (Affirmed order granting attorney's fees);
- *Current Builders of Florida Inc. v. First Sealord Surety Inc.*, 984 So. 2d 526 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008) (Reversed order denying attorney's fees);
- *First Sealord Surety v. Suffolk Construction*, 995 So. 2d 609 (Fla.3rd DCA 2008) (Reversed final judgment against client with instructions to enter judgment in client's favor);
- *Beta Drywall v. Mintz & Fraude, P.C.*, 9 So.3d 651(Fla. 4th DCA 2009) (Reversed order granting motion to dismiss based on personal jurisdiction);
- *Mutchnik Inc. v. Dimmerman*, 23 So.3d 809 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2009) (Reversed final judgment and granted a new trial in the client's favor);
- *U.S. Bank v. Tadmore*, 23 So. 3d 822 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009) (Reversed an order requiring client to pay monthly assessment fees);
- *Trikon Sunrise Associates v. Brice Building Co.*, 41 So. 3d 315 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010) (Reversed summary judgment against client);
- *Suffolk Construction Co. v. First Sealord Surety, Inc.*, 63 So.3d 18 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011) (Affirmed judgment in client's favor);

- Shulgasser-Parker v. Kennedy Trinley & Santino, P.L., 71 So.3d 152 (4th DCA 2011) (Reversed summary judgment against client);
- Travelers Cas. and Sur. Co. v. First Sealord Sur., Inc., 86 So.3d 1159 (4th DCA 2012) (Affirmed judgment in client's favor);
- Earth Trades, Inc. v. T & G Corp., 108 So.3d 580 (Fla.2013)(General contractor's knowledge that subcontractor was not licensed was insufficient to place parties in pari delicto).

Primary Practice Area

Commercial & General Civil Litigation

Secondary Practice Area

Appellate Practice

Bar Admissions

Florida Bar

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Ct., Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Ct., Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Ct., Northern District of Florida

Education

University of Akron - JD/MBA, 1993

Guilford College- BS, 1983