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### Professional Experience:

Michael Traficante is a shareholder of the firm and has practiced law in Southwest Florida since 2006. He has an *AV* rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Michael's practice is concentrated in complex commercial and civil litigation involving real property, business, construction, wills/trusts, and commercial issues. He was named a *Rising Star* in the 2010 edition of Florida Super Lawyers and has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America© in the area of Litigation-Real Estate since 2018 and in the area of Litigation-Trusts and Estates since 2020 in the Fort Myers, Florida metropolitan area. Michael has also been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America© as the 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation-Trusts and Estates in the Fort Myers, Florida metropolitan area.

### Education

University of Florida, J.D., *with honors*, 2006  
University of Florida, B.A., *with honors*, 2003

### Bar Admissions

Florida

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Professional Involvement

American Bar Association  
Florida Bar (Trial Lawyers, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law, and Business Law)  
Collier County Bar Association (Real Estate and Trial Lawyers)  
American Inns of Court, Thomas S. Biggs Section

### Community Involvement

Leadership Collier, Class of 2019  
GAIN of Naples, Past Graduate  
Collier County Bar Association, Past Director  
Collier County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, Past President  
Collier County Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section, Past President  
Collier County Bar Foundation, Past Board Member  
Legal Aid Service of Collier County, Past Fundraising Development Board member  
American Cancer Society, Volunteer  
American Cancer Society, Past Chair, Relay for Life of Naples  
Champions For Learning, Volunteer  
Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, Volunteer and Current Board Member

**Practice Areas:** [Business Services](#), [Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)

### Areas of Concentration:

Complex banking disputes  
Complex commercial and civil litigation  
Condominium disputes and the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act  
Construction transactions and disputes  
Corporate and business transactions and disputes  
Estate and Trust disputes  
Landlord/Tenant disputes  
Prosecution and defense of defamation claims  
Real estate, title and boundary disputes  
Representation of financial institutions, contractors, developers, professionals, employers, corporations and business entities in a variety of litigation matters at the trial and appellate level

**Attorney Publications/Presentations:**

Michael is a contributing author for the Florida Bar practice manual, Real Property Litigation, regarding “Defective or Lost Instruments.”

**Reported Decisions:**

*Kountze v. Kountze*, 20 So. 3d 428 (Fla. 2d DCA 2009)  
*Rosenfield v. Emergency Physicians of Naples*, 2012 WL 144 9629 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012)  
*Florida Georgia Grove, LLP v. Collier County*, 95 So. 3d 948 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012)  
*Carlson v. VI Ltd. Ltd. Partnership*, 160 So.3d 421 (Fla. 2d DCA 2015)  
*Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Troyer Brothers Florida, Inc.*, 2016 WL 7232197 (Fla. 2d DCA 2016)  
*Bank of America Corp. v. Troyer Brothers Florida, Inc.*, 2017 WL 1944216 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017)