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PRACTICE AREAS

Class Actions
Antitrust Violations
Fraud and Ponzi Schemes
Deceptive Trade Practices
Corporate Shareholder Disputes
Securities Law Violations
Contract Disputes

EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*,
University of Miami School of
Law
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Legal
Studies, University of Central
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Tal J. Lifshitz is an attorney in Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton's complex litigation department. Tal received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Central Florida, where he majored in Legal Studies. He earned his Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law. While in law school, he was a member of the Charles C. Papy Jr. Moot Court Board and served as the Eleventh Circuit Editor of the University of Miami Law Review. He also was a four-time Dean's Fellow, working with property and criminal procedure courses as well as with the writing center.

During law school, Tal received the Soia Mentschikoff Award for Excellence in Scholarly Writing for his publication, "Arguable Probable Cause": An Unwarranted Approach to Qualified Immunity, 65 U. Miami. L. Rev. 1159 (2011). He also served as a Project Leader for the University of Miami's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and was a Legal Intern for the Federal Public Defender's Office.

After law school, Tal served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth A. Marra from September 2012 to September 2013.

Tal has been involved in some of the firm's most complex cases, including:

- representing victims of corrupt Fort Lauderdale lawyer Scott Rothstein's billion dollar Ponzi scheme;
- defending a foreign public utility in a multimillion-dollar contract dispute;
- representing consumers in a pair of class action lawsuits against one of the nation's largest beverage and brewing companies for deceptive and unfair trade practices;
- prosecuting force-placed insurance cases in nationwide class actions against national banks and insurers;
- representing an international private banking group in a complex commercial breach of contract action;
- defending an online document preparation and filing service company from a multimillion-dollar class action lawsuit involving claims of deceptive trade practices;
- defending an international commercial real estate group in a multi-million dollar breach of contract action;
- representing victims of the Jay Peak EB-5 investment scheme in a multimillion dollar class action lawsuit against a pair of national banks and financial services firm;
- representing a federal equity receiver in connection with a multimillion dollar Chilean Ponzi scheme; and
- representing victims of William Wise's Millennium Bank investment scheme in a multimillion dollar class action lawsuit against a national bank.

In a recent pro bono civil rights matter in federal court, Tal and his team obtained a substantial monetary award for an individual who was a victim of police brutality and asserted claims under Section 1983. For his work on the matter, Tal was invited to speak on a panel hosted by two United States District Judges, providing pro bono training for lawyers on litigating civil rights actions in federal court. Tal continues to

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handle pro bono civil rights actions under Section 1983, and has also provided pro bono assistance to the Miami community through Legal Services of Greater Miami's Small Claims Court Clinic.

Tal is also a Director on the Board for the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, serves as Chair of the CLE Committee and Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee, and serves on the FBA National Council and as a member of the FBA National Younger Lawyers in Court Task Force. Tal also moderated a panel on Hot Topics in Class Action and Multi District Litigation at the recent 2018 FBA National Annual Meeting and Convention. He has also taken an active role in mentoring through both the FBA and the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Foundation. Among his many talents, Tal is fluent in Hebrew.

COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar

United States District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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