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## Overview

Gerald Davis is a Shareholder and formerly served as a member of the firm's Executive Board for 7 years. He concentrates his practice on creditor's rights including foreclosures and complex business litigation. Gerald also serves as the firm's liaison to MSI Global, an international alliance of law and accounting firms with 260 member firms located in over 100 countries.

## Representative Matters

**Financial Institutions/Secured Creditors/Complex Commercial Litigation**

- Represented secured creditor in complex foreclosure of partially constructed 7,500 seat multi-purpose arena successfully through appeal including lien priority dispute with project's general contractor as to a $9 million claim of lien.
- Represented secured creditor in complex foreclosure of a large retail shopping center including the successful appointment of a receiver under the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act.
- Represented purchaser of a large mobile home park to obtain specific performance under a real estate contract.
- Represented secured creditor in successful foreclosure of office building through contested trial, appeal and deficiency judgment.
- Represented numerous secured creditors in foreclosure of commercial real estate including apartment complexes, retail centers, office buildings, marinas and failed condominium developments.
- Represented judgment creditor in the investigation and pursuit of proceedings supplementary action through trial against judgment debtor and his wife for fraudulent transfer of assets resulting in favorable 19 page opinion which was affirmed on appeal.
- Represented creditor in contested deficiency trial to obtain $6 million judgment.
- Represented secured creditor in obtaining prejudgment writ of replevin of $6 million floorplan marine inventory.
- Represented restaurant chain in successful defense of class action under Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUPTA).
- Represented creditors in collection of SBA guaranteed loans.

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2024-2026
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (holds highest rating)
- *The Best Lawyers in America,*Commercial Litigation, 2013-2027
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Creditor Debtor Rights, 2009-2026
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite,* 2004, 2007, 2008
- *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Who's Who (Law), 2005
- Guardian Ad Litem Community Advocate of the Year Award for the Sixth Judicial Circuit (given by the Florida Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office of the Governor for outstanding community advocacy for abused and neglected children of Florida), 2005

## Professional Involvement

## Alternate Contact

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## Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Financial Services

## Education

- J.D., *with honors,* University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1988
- B.B.A., Finance, Emory University, 1985

## Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida

- The Florida Bar
  - Business Law Section
  - Grievance Committee, Past Chair
- St. Petersburg Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Carlton Manor (*a non-profit agency providing residential mental health treatment*)
  - Board of Directors, 1995-2024
- Phillip Benjamin Tower
  - Board Member, 2015-present
- Temple Beth-El
  - Board Member, 2017-2020
- Suncoast Voices for Children Foundation (*a non-profit foundation supporting the Guardian Ad Litem and dependent children in Pinellas and Pasco counties*)
  - Outside General Counsel, 2004-2005
- Leadership St. Petersburg, 1995
- Shorecrest Preparatory School Alumni Association
  - Past President

## Thought Leadership

Mr. Davis has spoken at numerous mortgage foreclosure seminars before attorneys, bankers, realtors and appraisers.

- "The Shutdown of the Restaurant Industry: The Widespread Impact," Co-Author, The Bankruptcy Strategist, ALM's Law Journal Newsletters, June 2020
- "Temporary Alimony - Award & Modification," Author, *St. Petersburg Bar Association Paraclete*, March/April Issue, pg. 10-11