

# EQUINE LAW

The equine industry in Florida is big business. If you're involved in equestrian sports and events, such as racing, dressage, show-jumping, hunters, three-day eventing, polo, or the Western disciplines, then you share a passion for horses with members of our legal team. Some of our attorneys are equestrians, horse breeders and owners themselves and have competed in various equestrian disciplines. This diverse experience means that our lawyers have a unique perspective on the wide array of issues that affect horse owners and can help guide organizations, owners and investors through planning and documenting equine transactions.

## Experience

We serve hobbyists and professionals by preparing and reviewing equine-related contracts and leases and handling disputes and litigation arising from equine transactions. Drawing on knowledge and experience in other legal areas such as real estate, the UCC, and securities, we negotiate leases for polo, dressage, hunter/jumper and racing facilities; training and boarding agreements; and partnership and syndicate agreements. Our clientele have won medals at the Olympics, FEI three-day event competitions, national hunter/jumper and dressage championships, and Eclipse Awards.

We understand the ethics and regulation implications of horse sales, which are governed by their own set of laws in Florida. As such, we regularly draft contracts and bills of sale for equine purchases. In addition, our equine law attorneys routinely interact with attorneys in other practice groups to get new perspectives on client matters and address specialized needs when they arise, including the impact of labor and employment regulations on horse businesses and changes to immigration laws.

## Our Commitment

We are committed to service by donating our time and expertise. This includes raising awareness about issues of national importance, such as the use of raceday drugs in horse racing, contributing thought leadership to industry publications and conferences, and supporting therapeutic riding organizations. We believe this dedication helps us build important relationships that enhance our service to clients.

## Professionals

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