



TIRSO M. CARREJA JR.

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Tirso M. Carreja, Jr. is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Co-Chair of the Business Litigation Practice Group.

A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, Tirso has been named one of the *Best Lawyers in America*® in commercial litigation and is listed as a *Florida Super Lawyer* in real estate. He regularly represents developers, large companies, lending institutions, REITS, small businesses and individuals in real estate litigation and transactional matters.

He routinely works throughout the state of Florida and beyond helping clients with their real estate needs, including:

- property acquisition and development;
- telecommunications, commercial, industrial, retail, medical and office leasing;
- real estate based financing;
- title insurance and survey matters; and,
- multi-phased and mixed use projects.

He also has nearly 20 years of litigation experience in:

- commercial foreclosures and work-outs (including CMBS, FDIC takeover and small business loans);
- landlord/tenant disputes;
- contract disputes;
- title insurance claims;
- lender liability litigation;
- eminent domain; and,
- homeowner's association disputes.

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Tirso assists his clients with practical strategies that maximize business opportunities and mitigate risks. He also advocates on their behalf during complex negotiations and in the courtroom.

Practice Areas

Litigation

Real Estate

Complex Loan Workouts

Industry Focus

Real Estate

Health Care

Financial Services

Accolades

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, 5.0 out of 5.0
- *TAMPA Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Real Estate Litigation, 2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Real Estate, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Communications Law, 2023, 2024, 2025
- *TAMPA Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Voted #1 in Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law, 2016
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Real Estate, Business Litigation, 2010-2020
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Legal Elite," 2011, 2017
- *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, "Up and Comer," 2009
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Up and Comer," 2005-2007

Education

- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996
- Oxford University, Oxford, England, Florida State University Summer Program in Law, 1994

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- University of Central Florida, B.S.E.E., 1992

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Languages

Spanish

Professional and Civic

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Leadership Tampa Bay

Presentations

- Speaker, "Top Ten Considerations When Negotiating an Office and Retail Lease in the US; Frequent Pitfalls and Hidden Gems for Maximizing Business Opportunities," Association of Corporate Counsel, QuickHit webcast (April 9, 2015)

Publications

- "Adding a Statutory Stick to the Bundle of Rights: An Overview of Florida's Ability to Regulate Wetlands Under Current Takings Jurisprudence and the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 1995," Author, 11 J. Land Use & Envtl. L. 423, 1996