

Michael Jay Rune II Recognized as Most Effective Lawyer for 2015 in Complex/Business Litigation

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Partner and construction litigation attorney Michael Jay Rune II was recognized by the *Daily Business Review's* editorial staff as one of 2015's Most Effective Lawyers in complex/business litigation. Rune accepts the *Daily Business Review's* "Most Effective Lawyers of 2015" in Complex/Business Litigation at the luncheon held Friday, December 4th at the JW Marriott Miami. Pictured here are Shutts & Bowen attorneys R. John Nadjafi, [Dario Perez](#), Jocelyn Mroz, Michael Jay Rune II, Dana Chaaban and [Aleksey Shtivelman](#).

The publication evaluates South Florida lawyers for their impact and results on behalf of their clients. Rune represented Ajax Building Corp., the general contractor overseeing the construction of the Miami Dade College parking garage, following the structure's collapse that killed four and seriously injured seven workers.

Rune shaped the defense litigation strategy, kept all parties in communication to avoid trial, and promoted a fair settlement. He settled the personal injury and wrongful death suits first in order to resolve matters with victims and their loved ones. All personal injury suits were settled confidentially just six months after the collapse. The property insurance claims followed. Five mediations took place over 10 days over more than a year. With 22 defendants and national counsel for various entities, Rune was challenged with persuading everyone that it was better to settle rather than litigate.

Earlier this year, the Miami Dade College Board of Trustees approved a \$33.5 million settlement, concluding all litigation in the case. The garage was demolished and is now being rebuilt.

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