

# Holland & Knight



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### PRACTICES

Litigation and Dispute Resolution |  
Consumer Protection Defense and Compliance | Financial Services Litigation

**Philip E. Rothschild** is a litigation attorney in Holland & Knight's Fort Lauderdale office. He practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on federal court issues. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Rothschild served as a chambers law clerk for more than a decade in the offices of three active U.S. District Court judges in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, including James I. Cohn (2004-2012), Kenneth A. Marra (2002-2004) and William P. Dimitrouleas (1998-2002). During this time, he accumulated a wealth of experience and understanding in numerous areas of civil practice and substantive law, including business torts, contract disputes and employment law, among others. With 14 years of experience assisting federal trial court judges with an assortment of motions in civil cases, Mr. Rothschild knows the importance of top-quality written and verbal advocacy. He applies this experience to provide effective representation in all litigation matters in state and federal court.

Mr. Rothschild also has experience as a civil enforcement attorney for the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Consumer Protection Bureau in Washington, D.C. During his time at the FTC, he investigated violations of federal credit laws and brought enforcement actions in both federal court and administrative proceedings. At Holland & Knight, Mr. Rothschild has applied this knowledge to many matters, including successfully defending a Truth in Lending Act (TILA)/Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA)/Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) action by a represented mortgagor, with most claims dismissed at the pleading stage and the remaining claim subject to summary judgment; successfully defending a class action under the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act that resulted in denial of class certification; and defending a state attorney general investigation of a client's environmental claims under the FTC's Green Guides that resulted in the client being permitted to continue sales with no changes to its existing product and an agreement reached on future product sales.

In the legal community, Mr. Rothschild has been actively involved with the Federal Bar Association since 2012. He served as an officer and board member of the Broward County Chapter for four years before becoming president-elect for the 2017-2018 year. He became President of the Broward County Chapter in September of 2018 to serve a one-year term.

In the community, Mr. Rothschild was extensively involved with the Soccer Association of Boca Raton (SABR) from 2009 to 2019, serving as a youth soccer coach, division representative and as Secretary of SABR for the 2018-19 year. Starting in July 2019, Mr. Rothschild was elected to the Board of Trustees of Congregation B'Nai Israel in Boca Raton. Mr. Rothschild also is a member of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Interview Program.

## Credentials

### Education

# Holland & Knight

- UCLA School of Law, J.D.
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., *cum laude*

## Bar Admissions/Licenses

- California
- Florida

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

## Memberships

- Federal Bar Association Broward County Chapter, Past President
- Federal Bar Association
- Florida Bar Federal Court Practice Committee; Judicial Roundtable Subcommittee, Co-Chair
- 2017 Southern District of Florida Bench & Bar Conference Planning Committee

## Honors & Awards

- Holland & Knight Public and Charitable Service All-Star, 2019
- Holland & Knight Community Service All-Star, 2019
- Judge Jose A. Gonzalez Jr. 2014 Unsung Hero Award, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

## Publications

- Statute of Limitations for Foreclosure Actions Depends on Context, *Daily Business Review*, April 14, 2014
- Tips from a Federal Law Clerk, *Federal Bar Association Broward County Chapter Newsletter*, Winter 2008

## Speaking Engagements

- Governmental Investigations Involving the Debt Collection Industry: Ignorance is Not Bliss, Holland & Knight Program, September 7, 2016
- Practical Federal Procedure, Broward County Bench and Bar Conference, October 23, 2015
- Federal Practice Sessions, Palm Beach County Bench and Bar Conference, March 27, 2015