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**FLORIDA**

**LITIGATION APPELLATE**

<b>Litigation: Appellate</b>
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Eaton Joel D Podhurst Orseck P.A.
<b>Band 3</b>
Rosenthal Stephen F Podhurst Orseck P.A.

**Notable Practitioners**

Experienced appellate lawyer **Joel Eaton** of Podhurst Orseck P.A. offers long-standing expertise and is “always committed to his plaintiff clients,” commentators report. Impressed sources report that **Stephen Rosenthal** also of Podhurst Orseck P.A. “is comfortable in both state and federal court,” and is praised as “a sharp young guy.”

**LITIGATION**

<b>Litigation: General Commercial</b>
<b>Leading Firms</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Podhurst Orseck P.A.
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Josefsberg Robert C Podhurst Orseck P.A.
Podhurst Aaron S Podhurst Orseck P.A.

<b>Litigation: White-Collar Crime &amp; Government Investigations</b>
<b>Leading Firms</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Podhurst Orseck P.A.
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Star individuals</b>
Josefsberg Robert C Podhurst Orseck P.A.
<b>Band 2</b>
Prieto Peter Podhurst Orseck P.A.

**Podhurst Orseck P.A.**

**THE FIRM** This litigation boutique may be smaller than some of its main competitors, but holds its own in the market and remains at the pinnacle of Florida litigation firms. The team regularly appears in state and federal courts in Florida and across the USA, acting for Codina Group, Tenet Healthcare and Miami-Dade Community College, among other clients and a num-

ber of foreign governments. Next to its strong expertise in complex civil and criminal litigation, the group is particularly strong in representing clients in aviation, automobile and product liability litigation.

**Sources say:** “Podhurst has always been respected as a good plaintiff firm, especially in aviation.” “The entire

firm is top-notch. It’s probably the top firm in the world for handling the plaintiff side of air crash litigation.”

**KEY INDIVIDUALS** **Robert Josefsberg** continues to be regarded as “the god of white-collar crime,” with impressed market sources highlighting that he “consistently exhibits all of the attributes one considers essential to being a good lawyer.” He is representing a client who was an investor and victim in the \$1.2 billion Scott Rothstein Ponzi scheme. **Aaron Podhurst** is recognized as “one of the premier aviation trial lawyers in the world.” He represents plaintiff clients, and is sought after for his long-standing expertise. **Peter Prieto** handles complex commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense matters with ease. He is currently involved in representing the former vice chairman of Stiefel Laboratories in his holding company’s lawsuit against Stiefel and several former Stiefel executives, arising out of material misrepresentations and omissions and breaches of fiduciary duties.

**Leaders**

**EATON, Joel D**  
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*Featured in Litigation (Florida)*

**Practice Areas:** Appellate.

**Career:** Has handled civil appeals in state and federal courts for 35 years, and is a former Chairman of the Florida Supreme Court’s Appellate Rules Committee. He also served two terms as a Member of the Supreme Court’s Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases. He is a co-founder of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, is listed in Best Lawyers of America, and currently serves as an Adviser to the American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law (Third) Torts: Liability for Physical Harm.

**Personal:** Harvard University (JD cum laude, 1975); Yale University (BA 1965).

**JOSEFSBERG, Robert C**  
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*Featured in Litigation (Florida)*

**Practice Areas:** A broad range of civil and criminal litigation in all federal and state courts.

**Career:** One of Miami-Dade County’s premiere trial lawyers, listed annually since 1987 in the Best Lawyers in America in two categories-Business Litigation and Criminal Law. Past President and Dean of the International Acade-

my of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has served on the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Judiciary, as Chairman of the Southern District of Florida Judicial Evaluation Committee, and the Florida State University Law School Board of Visitors. In addition to commercial practice, he also handles the firm’s white-collar criminal defense work – an outgrowth of his background as an assistant US attorney for the Southern District of Florida, as Special Counsel to the Dade County Grand Jury, and member of numerous commissions and task forces in the area of criminal law, including the US Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules and Chairmanship of the Florida Bar’s Criminal Law Certification Committee.

**Personal:** BA Dartmouth College, 1959; JD Yale Law School, 1962.

**PODHURST, Aaron S**  
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**Practice Areas:** A broad range of civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation, aviation and mass tort litigation in all federal and state courts.

**Career:** His distinguished career has brought him honors and offices from virtually every

major legal organization, including the presidencies of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and The Florida Justice Association, fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Member of Board of Governors of Association of Trial Lawyers of America, membership in the International Society of Barristers and the Inner Circle of Advocates, and chairmanship of important aviation committees of the American Bar Association, American Association For Justice and The Florida Justice Association. Although he made his reputation as one of the nation’s premiere plaintiff’s aviation lawyers, and continues to hold that status, he has guided the firm in recent years to its status as one of the major commercial litigation firms in South Florida.

**Personal:** BA from the University of Michigan in 1957, and Harland Fiske Stone Scholar and Juris Doctorate Degree from Columbia University.

**PRIETO, Peter**  
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**Practice Areas:** A former federal prosecutor with significant trial experience. Prieto practices in the areas of complex civil litigation and white-collar criminal defense, representing individual and corporate clients in civil litigation, including commercial, business torts, product liability and class action litigation. He represents individual and corporate clients in criminal

investigations and prosecutions involving public corruption, banking and healthcare fraud, and aviation and environmental violations. Prieto has represented clients in litigation in a variety of industries, including the healthcare, telecommunications, petroleum, aviation, entertainment and banking industries. Prieto has extensive experience prosecuting and defending RICO claims.

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*Featured in Litigation (Florida)*

**Practice Areas:** Partner focusing on appeals and complex civil litigation, including mass tort, class actions, commercial disputes and constitutional law.

**Professional Memberships:** US Supreme Court; US Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; US District Court, SD Florida; Florida Bar; District of Columbia Bar; American Association for Justice; Florida Justice Association.

**Career:** US Department of Justice Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch; Law clerk to US Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett (11th Cir.) and to US District Judge Mark Wolf (D Mass).

**Personal:** Harvard Law School (JD, cum laude, 1996), Harvard College (BA, magna cum laude, 1992).