



MICHAEL KASHTAN has over twenty five years' experience in the practice areas of construction litigation, commercial litigation, insurance litigation, arbitration and mediation. He has successfully represented numerous architects and engineers, contractors and developers on issues ranging from simple contract disputes to multi party construction disputes with claims of over \$50 million dollars. After practicing as a founding member of Daniels Kashtan for many years Michael joined Fort Partners LLC as General Counsel in 2014. Fort Partners is involved in the management and development of high end hotels and residential properties in the United States, in Europe and the Caribbean.

Michael F. Kashtan was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and raised in Rochester, New York. Mr. Kashtan received his Bachelor of Science degree from The State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami in 1983.

He has been consistently recognized by *Best Lawyers of America, Chambers & Partners* and *Florida Super Lawyers*. With Best Lawyers he has been peer nominated and selected since 2005 and Chambers USA has described Mr. Kashtan as a "tough, highly-ethical and an undeniably fair attorney". He is also "AV" Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Michael Kashtan has been an active member of the Florida Bar and is a member of the American Bar Association. He is a participating member of the ABA's Forum of the Construction Industry. In addition, he regularly consults and lectures to the AIA, as well as to other professional organizations, and represents many architects, engineers and developers.

Reported Appellate Decisions

- Lodge Const., Inc. v. Monroe County, 891 So.2d 568 (Fla. App. 3d Dist., 2004)
- Mount v. Camelot Care Center of Dade, Inc., 816 So.2d 669 (Fla. App. 3d Dist., 2002)
- Defeo v. Insurance Repair Service, Inc., 783 So.2d 1083 (Fla. App. 3d. Dist., 1998)
- Wallace v. Post, Buckley, Schuh, & Jernigan, Inc., 579 So.2d 397 (Fla. App. 3d Dist., 1991)

Education

- State University of New York at Buffalo, B.S.
- University of Miami, J.D.

Practice Areas

- Construction Litigation
- Architects and Engineers Professional Liability Claims Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Arbitration and Mediation
- Business Litigation

Court Admissions

- The Florida Bar, 1983
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1983
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator

Memberships

- Dade County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Dade County Defense Bar Association
- Council of Litigation Management, member Construction Committee
- Allied Member of AIA Miami