



JOHN ELLIOTT LEIGHTON

John Elliott Leighton is the Managing Partner of **Leighton Law, P.A.** based in Miami, Florida. Mr. Leighton litigates and tries significant cases on behalf of individuals throughout Florida and the United States. He has been called upon to provide his trial skills to represent plaintiffs throughout the country, including New York, Texas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, Illinois and North Carolina.

Mr. Leighton recently authored *Litigating Premises Security Cases*, a two-volume book published by Thomson-West, which provides comprehensive information on investigating, preparing and trying inadequate security cases and representing crime victims. His trial in *Jeffery v. Publix Super Markets*, a landmark inadequate security case, was the subject of an entire chapter in the book, *Persuasive Jury Communication: Case Studies from Successful Trials*, Chapter 10 (Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, 1995). Mr. Leighton received the Advocate of Justice Award from the National Crime Victim Bar Association for his work in representing violent crime victims against corporate defendants. He is a frequent lecturer at national legal programs and has spoken and taught at seminars, colleges and conventions in over a dozen states

Many of Mr. Leighton's cases are high profile or have wide reaching social implications. Several cases have resulted in policy or procedure changes on the part of the businesses or governmental entities sued. He is often called upon by local and national media to comment on legal issues, including NBC's *Today* show, *Inside Edition*, and many other news programs.

RECOGNITION

- Board Certified Specialist in Civil Trial Law
- AVVO.COM 10/10 ("Superb") rating
- Martindale-Hubbell AV rating
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Florida SuperLawyers™ (Top 100 of Florida SuperLawyers)
- "Top Lawyer in South Florida," *South Florida Legal Guide*
- *Florida Trend Magazine* "Florida Legal Elite"™

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Academy of Trial Advocacy - Chairman
- American Association for Justice - Co-Chairman, Inadequate Security Litigation Group; Founding Member, Resort Tort Litigation Group; Past Chairman, Motor Vehicle, Highway and Premises Liability Section
- National College of Advocacy (Board of Trustees)
- Melvin M. Belli Society
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers/Florida Justice Association
- American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice Section
- Cooperative Association of Medical Malpractice Attorneys
- Dade County Trial Lawyers Association (Past Director)
- Bar Associations: Florida, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, Miami Beach, Cuban American, Orange County, National Crime Victim Bar Association, Miami-Dade Justice Association

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Supreme Court of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court
 - Southern District of Florida (General and Trial Bars)
 - Middle and Northern Districts of Florida
- State Courts *pro hac vice*: Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia, New York, Indiana, North Carolina, Illinois

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor (*with honors*), The University of Florida (Law Review, Trial Team, and Teaching Fellow)
- Bachelor of Arts (*with honors*), The University of Florida