

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TAWANNA ROBERTS, on behalf of herself and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

CAPITAL ONE, N.A.,

Defendant.

CASE No. 1:16-cv-04841-LGS

**DECLARATION OF JEFF OSTROW IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S  
APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

I, Jeff Ostrow, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am the founder and Managing Partner of Kopelowitz Ostrow Ferguson Weiselberg Gilbert ("KO"), a 26-attorney law firm based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

2. I have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar since 1997, and licensed in federal courts around the country since 1998. I am admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in this Court for this Action. Over the past 23 years, I have practiced full time primarily in the areas of consumer class actions and complex commercial litigation. I have been appointed as Lead Class Counsel or Class Counsel in numerous class actions, including nearly 30 actions against banks or credit unions related to the improper assessment of overdraft fees. I have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for those that I have had the pleasure to represent. I actively participated in this Action from inception, including negotiation of the Settlement and throughout the preliminary and final approval stages. I am fully familiar with the proceedings being resolved. I am competent to testify to the facts set forth below, and if called as a witness and placed under oath, I would testify to those facts.

3. I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs as requested in the Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Service Award ("Motion"). This

declaration substantiates the professional time reasonably incurred and necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by attorneys at my firm in this matter. Given my role in this litigation, I have personal knowledge of the legal services rendered by the attorneys and our paralegal requesting attorneys' fees and expenses. This declaration summarizes the work performed by my firm in this litigation that led to an outstanding result for the Settlement Class.

4. KO has extensive experience litigating nationwide and state consumer class actions. Although the firm handles a variety of consumer class actions, we focus a significant amount of our resources pursuing financial institutions that assess their customers unlawful fees. The firm has been appointed class counsel in dozens of overdraft fee cases throughout the country and has tried several class actions to verdict. The firm is well positioned to understand the risks of this Action and why settlement at this stage of the litigation was the best option for the putative class. Based upon our experience as one of the leading overdraft fee litigation firms for over a decade, we are confident that in light of the risks inherent to litigation and defeating Capital One's various defenses to class certification and the merits, the settlement obtained here is an excellent result.

5. KO has devoted the time and resources of its attorneys and staff to ensure the vigorous prosecution of the claims brought on behalf of the class in this Action, as detailed in the attorneys' fees and cost application of the Motion. Our firm resume, including biographical information for Jonathan Streisfeld, Joshua Levine, and myself is attached as *Exhibit A*.

6. Jonathan Streisfeld is a partner in the firm and was admitted to practice in Florida in 1997. He is licensed in several federal courts around the country and has been appointed class counsel in numerous class actions.

7. Joshua Levine is a partner in the firm and was admitted to practice in Florida in 2011. He is licensed in several federal courts around the country and has been appointed class counsel in several class actions.

8. Scott Edelsberg is a former partner in the firm and was admitted to practice in Florida in 2012 and California in 2020. He is licensed in several federal courts around the country and has been appointed class counsel in numerous class actions.

9. Ashley Rosenbaum is a former associate in the firm and was admitted to practice in Florida in 2017.

10. Todd Becker is a senior paralegal in the firm and has been working at KO in the class action department since 2009.

11. The current hourly rates for the attorneys and paralegal who worked on this case are as follows:

- a. Jeff Ostrow - \$725.00
- b. Jonathan Streisfeld - \$725.00
- c. Joshua Levine - \$600.00
- d. Scott Edelsberg - \$585.00
- e. Ashley Rosenbaum - \$250.00
- f. Todd Becker - \$150.00

12. These rates are customarily charged by class action attorneys and paralegals practicing in the Southern District of New York with similar experience working on complex matters and are regularly approved therein.

13. I have organized the time spent by KO's attorneys and paralegal into categories which describe the services which we rendered in this Action.

	<u>Task</u>	<u>Jeff Ostrow</u>	<u>Jonathan Streisfeld</u>	<u>Joshua Levine</u>	<u>Scott Edelsberg</u>	<u>Ashley Rosenbaum</u>	<u>Todd Becker</u>
1	Pre-suit investigation, Factual Development, Client Meetings and Correspondence						
2	Legal Research			7.50		18.0	
3	Strategy / Case Analysis / Class Counsel Conferences	2.50	7.75	5.00	1.00	.75	
4	Complaint						
5	Motion to Dismiss	0.25			3.00		
6	Appeal						
7	Discovery,	53.25	167.25	55.00	14.25	20.25	303.00

	Document Review, Depositions						
8	Motions for Summary Judgment	2.75	107.25	165.75			30.50
9	Motion for Class Certification	4.75	32.25	97.75			2.50
10	Work with Experts	9.50	13.00				
11	Settlement Discussions, Mediation Statements, Mediation, and Post-Mediation Settlement Negotiations, Settlement Agreement Drafting	98.50	28.50	9.00			
12	Motion for Preliminary Approval	41.25	17.75	37.75			
13	Work with Settlement and Notice Administrator	10.00	5.00				
14	Class Member Inquiries	0.25	0.50				
15	Motion for Final Approval	42.25	7.0	34			3.00
16	Post-Final Approval Work (estimated)	25.00	5.0	5.0			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>290.25</b>	<b>393.00</b>	<b>421.75</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>342.00</b>

14. The total hours billed by the attorneys at KO for this case are **1,504.25**. Applying the above hourly rates, the total firm lodestar is **\$820,132.50**.

15. This lodestar includes estimated time that will be spent from the date of this declaration forward, which I expect will include tasks related to responding to objections, if any; attending to class member inquiries; preparing for and attending the Final Approval Hearing; working with the Settlement Administrator; ensuring proper distribution of Settlement funds to Settlement Class Members; and any post-Final Approval motions.

16. Class Counsel will submit detailed time records for each attorney and its paralegal

should the Court so require.

17. Additionally, I have organized the necessary expenses that our firm has incurred for the prosecution of this case. The firm is not seeking reimbursement for internal overhead expenses that are ordinarily reimbursed to Class Counsel in class actions and all travel has been billed at one-half of the actual cost.

18. Cost receipts will be submitted to the Court should it so require.

Category	Expenses
Mediator's Services	\$9,875.66
Court Fees	\$628.00
Court Reporter Fees	\$11,713.59
Litigation Support Vendors	\$3,766.24
Expert Fees (Art Olsen) <sup>1</sup>	\$125,867.95
Travel (billed at 50%)	\$7,907.75
Mailing and Postage	\$413.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,172.75</b>

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

/s/ Jeff Ostrow  
**Jeff Ostrow**

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<sup>1</sup> Art Olsen is a data and damage expert who assisted Class Counsel in preparation for mediation and in analyzing class data to determine Settlement Class membership and the respective amount of each Settlement Class Member's damages. His hourly rate is \$300.00 an hour for work and \$165.00 per hour for travel. He billed \$120,900.00 for his services, \$2,640.00 for travel time, and \$2,327.95 for his expenses. Class Counsel will submit billing and expense invoices should the Court so request.

# EXHIBIT A



## FIRM RESUME

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## OUR FIRM

For over two decades, Kopelowitz Ostrow Ferguson Weiselberg Gilbert (KO) has provided comprehensive, results-oriented legal representation to individual, business, and government clients throughout Florida and the rest of the country. KO has the experience and capacity to represent its clients effectively and has the legal resources to address almost any legal need. The firm's 26-plus attorneys have practiced at several of the nation's largest and most prestigious firms and are skilled in almost all phases of law, including consumer class actions, multidistrict litigation involving mass tort actions, complex commercial litigation, and corporate transactions. In the class action arena, the firm has experience not only representing individual aggrieved consumers, but also defending large institutional clients, including multiple Fortune 100 companies.

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## WHO WE ARE

The firm has a roster of accomplished attorneys. Clients have an opportunity to work with some of the finest lawyers in Florida and the United States, each one committed to upholding KO's principles of professionalism, integrity, and personal service. Among our roster, you'll find attorneys whose accomplishments include: being listed among the "Legal Elite Attorneys" and as "Florida Super Lawyers"; achieving an AV® Preeminent™ rating by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review process; being Board Certified in their specialty; serving as in-house counsel for major corporations, as a city attorney handling government affairs, as a public defender, and as a prosecutor; achieving multi-millions of dollars through verdicts and settlements in trials, arbitrations, and alternative dispute resolution procedures; successfully winning appeals at every level in Florida state and federal courts; and serving government in various elected and appointed positions.

KO has the experience and resources necessary to represent large putative classes. The firm's attorneys are not simply litigators, but rather, experienced trial attorneys with the support staff and resources needed to coordinate complex cases.

CLASS  
ACTION  
PLAINTIFF

Since its founding, KO has initiated and served as co-lead counsel and liaison counsel in many high-profile class actions. Currently, the firm serves as liaison counsel in a multidistrict class action antitrust case against four of the largest contact lens manufacturers pending before Judge Schlesinger in the Middle District of Florida. *See* In Re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation, MDL 2626.

Further, the firm has served or is currently serving as lead or co-lead counsel in dozens of certified and/or proposed class actions against national and regional banks involving the unlawful re-sequencing of debit and ATM transactions resulting in manufactured overdraft fees, and other legal theories pertaining to overdraft fees. The cases are pending, or were pending, in various federal and state jurisdictions throughout the country, including some in multidistrict litigation pending in the Southern District of Florida and others in federal and state courts dispersed throughout the country. KO's substantial knowledge and experience litigating overdraft class actions and analyzing overdraft damage data has enabled the firm to obtain about a dozen multi-million dollar settlements (in excess of \$400 million) for the classes KO represents.

Additionally, the firm has in the past litigated certified and proposed class actions against Blue Cross Blue Shield and United Healthcare related to their improper reimbursements of health insurance benefits. Other class action cases include cases against Microsoft Corporation related to its Xbox 360 gaming platform, ten of the largest oil companies in the world in connection with the destructive propensities of ethanol and its impact on boats, Nationwide Insurance for improper mortgage fee assessments, and several of the nation's largest retailers for deceptive advertising and marketing at their retail outlets and factory stores.

## CLASS ACTION DEFENSE

The firm also brings experience in successfully defended many class actions on behalf of banking institutions, mortgage providers and servicers, an aircraft maker and U.S. Dept. of Defense contractor, a manufacturer of breast implants, and a national fitness chain.

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## MASS TORT LITIGATION

The firm also has extensive experience in mass tort litigation, including the handling of cases against Bausch & Lomb in connection with its Renu with MoistureLoc product, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals related to Prempro, Bayer Corporation related to its birth control pill YAZ, and Howmedica Osteonics Corporation related to the Stryker Rejuvenate and AGB II hip implants. In connection with the foregoing, some of which has been litigated within the multidistrict arena, the firm has obtained millions in recoveries for its clients.

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## OTHER AREAS OF PRACTICE

In addition to class action and mass tort litigation, the firm has extensive experience in the following practice areas: commercial and general civil litigation, corporate transactions, health law, insurance law, labor and employment law, marital and family law, real estate litigation and transaction, government affairs, receivership, construction law, appellate practice, estate planning, wealth preservation, healthcare provider reimbursement and contractual disputes, white collar and criminal defense, employment contracts, environmental, and alternative dispute resolution.

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## FIND US ONLINE

To learn more about KO, or any of the firm's other attorneys, please visit [www.kolawyers.com](http://www.kolawyers.com).

**CLASS ACTION AND MASS TORT SETTLEMENTS**

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**FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS**

*Lloyd v. Navy Federal Credit Union*, 17-cv-01280-BAS-RBB (S.D. Ca. 2019) - \$24.5 million

*Farrell v. Bank of America, N.A.*, 3:16-cv-00492-L-WVG (S.D. Ca. 2018) - \$66.6 million

*Stathakos v. Columbia Sportswear*, 4:15-cv-04543-YGR (N.D. Ca. 2018) - Injunctive relief prohibiting deceptive pricing practices

*Bodnar v. Bank of America, N.A.*, 5:14-cv-03224-EGS (E.D. Pa. 2015) - \$27.5 million

*Morton v. Green Bank*, 11-135-IV (20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Tenn. 2018) - \$1.5 million

*Hawkins v. First Tennessee Bank*, CT-004085-11 (13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Tenn. 2017) - \$16.75 million

*Payne v. Old National Bank*, 82C01-1012 (Cir. Ct. Vanderburgh 2016) - \$4.75 million

*Swift v. Bancorpsouth*, 1:10-CV-00090 (N.D. Fla. 2016) - \$24.0 million

*Mello v. Susquehanna Bank*, 1:09-MD-02046 (S.D. Fla. 2014) - \$3.68 million

*Johnson v. Community Bank*, 3:11-CV-01405 (M.D. Pa. 2013) - \$1.5 million

*McKinley v. Great Western Bank*, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$2.2 million

*Blabut v. Harris Bank*, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$9.4 million

*Wolfgeber Commerce Bank*, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2013) - \$18.3 million

*Case v. Bank of Oklahoma*, 09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$19.0 million Settlement

*Hawthorne v. Umpqua Bank*, 3:11-CV-06700 (N.D.Ca. 2012) - \$2.9 million Settlement

*Simpson v. Citizens Bank*, 2:12-CV-10267 (E.D. Mi. 2012) - \$2.0 million

*Nelson v. Rabobank*, RIC 1101391 (Riverside County, Ca. 2012) - \$2.4 million

*Harris v. Associated Bank*, 1:09-MD-02036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$13.0 million

*LaCour v. Whitney Bank*, 8:11-CV-1896 (M.D. Fla. 2012) - \$6.8 million

*Orallo v. Bank of the West*, 1:09-MD-202036 (S.D. Fla. 2012) - \$18.0 million

*Taulava v. Bank of Hawaii*, 11-1-0337-02 (1st Cir. Hawaii 2011) - \$9.0 million

*Trevino v. Westamerica*, CIV 1003690 (Marin County, CA 2010) - \$2.0 million

FALSE  
PRICING

*Gattinella v. Michael Kors (USA)*, 14-Civ-5731 (WHP) (S.D. NY 2015) - \$4.875 million

CONSUMER  
PROTECTION

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*Papa v. Grieco Ford Fort Lauderdale, LLC*, 18-cv-21897-JEM (S.D. Fla. 2019) - \$4.9 million

*Bloom v. Jenny Craig, Inc.*, 18-cv-21820-KMM (S.D. Fla. 2019) - \$3 million

*DiPuglia v. US Coachways, Inc.*, 1:17-cv-23006-MGC (S.D. Fla. 2018) - \$2.6 million

*Masson v. Tallahassee Dodge Chrysler Jeep, LLC*, 1:17-cv-22967-FAM (S.D. Fla. 2018) - \$850,000

MASS  
TORT

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*In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 9:20-md-02924-RLR (S.D. Fla.) - MDL No. 2924 – Co-Lead Counsel

*In re: Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION*, 13-MD-2411 (17th Jud. Cir. Fla. Complex Litigation Division)

*In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, 1:17-md-02804-DAP (N.D. Ohio) - MDL 2804

*In re: Smith and Nephew BHR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation*, MDL-17-md-2775

*Yasmin and YAZ Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, 3:09-md-02100-DRH-PMF (S.D. Ill.) – MDL 2100

*In re: Prempro Products Liability Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1507, No. 03-cv-1507 (E.D. Ark.)

# JEFF OSTROW

Managing Partner

## ***Bar Admissions***

The Florida Bar

## ***Court Admissions***

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

## **Education**

Nova Southeastern University, J.D. - 1997

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Jeff Ostrow is the Managing Partner of Kopelowitz Ostrow P.A. He established his own law practice immediately upon graduation from law school in 1997, co-founded the current firm in 2001, and has since grown it to nearly 50 attorneys in 3 offices throughout South Florida. In addition to overseeing the firm's day-to-day operations and strategic direction, Mr. Ostrow practices full time in the areas of consumer class actions, sports and business law. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in both legal ability and ethics.

Mr. Ostrow is an accomplished trial attorney who represents both Plaintiffs and Defendants, successfully trying many cases to verdict involving multi-million dollar damage claims in state and federal courts. Currently, he serves as lead counsel in nationwide and statewide class action lawsuits against many of the world's largest financial institutions in connection with the unlawful assessment of fees. To date, his efforts have successfully resulted in the recovery of over \$400,000,000 for tens of millions of bank customers, as well as monumental changes in the way banks assess fees. In addition, Mr. Ostrow has litigated consumer class actions against some of the world's largest clothing retailers, health insurance carriers, technology companies, and oil conglomerates, along with serving as class action defense counsel for some of the largest advertising and marketing agencies in the world, banking institutions, real estate developers, and mortgage companies.

Mr. Ostrow often serves as outside General Counsel to companies, advising them in connection with their legal and regulatory needs. He has represented many Fortune 500® Companies in connection with their Florida litigation. He has handled cases covered by media outlets throughout the country and has been quoted many times on various legal topics in almost every major news publication, including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Miami Herald, and Sun-Sentinel. He has also appeared on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, FoxNews, ESPN, and almost every other major national and international television network in connection with his cases, which often involve industry changing litigation or athletes in Olympic Swimming, the NFL, NBA and MLB.

In addition to the law practice, he is the President of ProPlayer Sports LLC, a full-service sports agency and marketing firm. He represents both Olympic swimmers and select NFL athletes and is licensed by both the NFL Players Association and the NBA Players Association as a certified Contract Advisor. Mr. Ostrow handles all player-team negotiations of contracts, represents his clients in legal proceedings, negotiates all marketing engagements, and oversees public relations and crisis management. He has extensive experience in negotiating, mediating and arbitrating a wide-range of issues on behalf of clients with the NFL Players Association, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, USA Swimming and the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

He is the founder and President of Class Action Lawyers of American, a member of the Public Justice Foundation, and a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is the most prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won multi-million dollar verdicts. Additionally, he has been named as one of the top lawyers in Florida by Super Lawyers® for several years running, honored as one of Florida's Legal Elite Attorneys, recognized as a Leader in Law by the Lifestyle Media Group®, and nominated by the South Florida Business Journal® as a finalist for its Key Partners Award. Mr. Ostrow is a recipient of the Gator 100 award for the fastest growing University of Florida alumni-owned law firm in the world.

When not practicing law, Mr. Ostrow serves on the Board of Governors of Nova Southeastern University's Wayne Huizenga School of Business and is a Member of the Broward County Courthouse Advisory Task Force. He is also the Managing Member of One West LOA LLC, a commercial real estate development company. Mr. Ostrow is a founding board member for the Jorge Nation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that partners with the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to send children diagnosed with cancer on all-inclusive Dream Trips to destinations of their choice. He has previously sat on the boards of a national banking institution and a national healthcare marketing company.



# JONATHAN STREISFELD

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Supreme Court of the United States

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U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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Nova Southeastern University, J.D. - 1997

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Jonathan M. Streisfeld joined KO as a partner in 2008. Mr. Streisfeld concentrates his practice in the areas of consumer class actions, business litigation, and appeals nationwide. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in both legal ability and ethics.

Mr. Streisfeld has vast experience in class action litigation, serving as class counsel in nationwide and statewide consumer class action lawsuits against the nation's largest financial institutions in connection with the unlawful assessment of fees. To date, his efforts have successfully resulted in the recovery of over \$300,000,000 for millions of bank customers, as well as profound changes in the way banks assess fees. In addition, Mr. Streisfeld has litigated class actions against some of the world's largest health insurance carriers and oil conglomerates, and defended class and collective actions in other contexts.

Mr. Streisfeld has represented a variety of businesses and individuals in a broad range of business litigation matters, including contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, intellectual property, real estate, shareholder disputes, wage and hour, and deceptive trade practices claims. He also assists business owners and individuals with documenting contractual relationships. Mr. Streisfeld also provides legal representation in bid protest proceedings.

Mr. Streisfeld oversees the firm's appellate and litigation support practice, representing clients in the appeal of final and non-final orders, as well as writs of certiorari, mandamus, and prohibition. His appellate practice includes civil and marital and family law matters.

Previously, Mr. Streisfeld served as outside assistant city attorney for the City of Plantation and Village of Wellington in a broad range of litigation matters.

As a member of The Florida Bar, Mr. Streisfeld serves on the Executive Council of the Appellate Practice Section and is Co-Chair of the Section's Communications Committee. Mr. Streisfeld currently serves as a member of the Board of Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El.



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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
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Josh Levine is a litigation attorney, and his practice takes him all over the State of Florida and the United States. Mr. Levine focuses on civil litigation and appellate practice, primarily in the areas of class actions and commercial litigation.

Mr. Levine has handled over 175 appeals in all five of Florida's District Courts of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court, as well as multiple federal appellate courts. Mr. Levine has represented both businesses and individuals in litigation matters, including contractual claims, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, professional liability, enforcement of non-compete agreements, trade secret infringement, real estate and title claims, other business torts, insurance coverage disputes, as well as consumer protection statutes.

Mr. Levine is a member of the Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee, currently serving as the vice-chair of the Civil Practice Subcommittee and is an active member of the Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar and the Broward County Bar Association. Mr. Levine recently completed a four-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

Mr. Levine received a Juris Doctor degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Miami School of Law. While attending law school, he served as an Articles and Comments Editor on the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review and was on the Dean's List, and a Merit Scholarship recipient. Mr. Levine also was awarded the Dean's Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research and Writing, Trusts & Estates, & Professional Responsibility classes.

Before joining KO, Mr. Levine worked at an Am Law 100 firm where he also focused on civil litigation and appellate practice, primarily representing banks, lenders, and loan servicers in consumer finance related litigation matters.