



Gil Ben-Ezra

Associate

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About Gil Ben-Ezra

Gil Ben-Ezra focuses his practice on commercial litigation, financial fraud, appeals, and white-collar investigations and litigation. He has helped local and international clients successfully defend civil RICO and securities claims seeking damages in excess of \$100 million, litigate shareholders' disputes, enforce restrictive covenants, litigate complex contractual issues, negotiate D&O policy coverage, and navigate international claims for defamation. He also represented the former president of Conmebol in an appeal of a prior criminal-conviction for an alleged-conspiracy to commit honest-services wire fraud and in related sentencing proceedings.

Gil has extensive experience in representing multi-national companies, including a "supermajor" oil company, an engineering and construction company, and an aerospace and defense company, conducting reviews, risk assessments, and related investigations in connection with anti-corruption regulations, data security, and corporate espionage.

Gil has also represented a number of clients in pro bono matters, including the Perez Art Museum, LGBTQ asylum seekers fleeing persecution abroad, and a federal inmate for whom Gil and his co-counsel successfully secured a jury verdict for excessive force in a Bivens action.

Gil is fluent in Hebrew.

Education

- University of Florida B.A. Political Science and History, *cum laude*, 2012
- George Washington Law School J.D., with Honors, 2015

Awards/Rankings

- The Best Lawyer in America, "Ones to Watch," 2024

Publications

- Technologies & Game Developers: The Next Targets for the Plaintiff's Product Liability Bar (May 22, 2017)

Bar Admissions

- State of Florida
- Southern District of Florida

Representative Matters

Practice Area	Representative Matters
Commercial Litigation	Successfully represented a web-based prediction platform and Israeli national in defense against action alleging, among other things, breach of contract, fraud, wire fraud, and securities fraud.
Financial Frauds and Commercial Litigation	Meland Budwick serves as special litigation counsel to Christina Lovato, the chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in Reno, Nevada for DC Solar Solutions, Inc. and certain affiliates (DC Solar). Jeffrey Carpoft and others pleaded guilty to perpetrating a \$1 billion Ponzi scheme through DC Solar. The firm is prosecuting all litigation claims held by the trustee. To date the firm has recovered tens of millions of dollars, including settlements with KeyBank for \$11.6 million, DC Solar's accountants for \$11.25 million, Heritage Bank for \$9 million, a NASCAR subsidiary for \$5.75 million, and Crestmark Bank for \$2.2 million. The firm is prosecuting other actions, including claims for negligence and breach of fiduciary duty seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages against an Am Law 100 firm that served as DC Solar's legal counsel.
Appellate Practice	Successfully represented Bivens plaintiff's appeal of Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.