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About Howard Berlin

Howard Berlin, of counsel with Meland Budwick, P.A., concentrates his practice on corporate law, and corporate bankruptcy and restructuring. He has more than 45 years of experience representing corporate debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees, and individual creditors in federal, bankruptcy, and state court insolvency proceedings, and has assisted clients with successful workouts, debt restructurings, and business organizations.

Berlin is noted for his deep understanding of business from every angle - including organization, management, administration, financial, and vision - and for this reason, clients turn to him as a trusted legal advisor. He also is noted for bringing to insolvency cases the ability to synthesize large amounts of data and recommending the right strategic decisions.

Additionally, Berlin is widely recognized for his contributions as Chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, where he helped advance the development of the Complex Business Courts within Florida's Circuit Courts. Today, there are three such divisions throughout the state, including in Miami Dade and Broward Counties.

His experience includes serving as Mayor of the City of Bal Harbour from 2001 to 2003 and 2007 to 2009, as Councilman from 2003 to 2005 and Assistant Mayor from 2005 to 2007.

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1979
- The George Washington University, B.A., 1976
- Circuit Court Mediation Training

Memberships

- Chair, Bankruptcy/UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 1995-1996
- Chair, Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 1999-2000
- Mayor, City of Bal Harbour, Florida, 2001 - 2003, 2007-2009
- Councilman, City of Bal Harbour, Florida, 2003-2005
- Assistant Mayor, City of Bal Harbour, Florida, 2005-2007

Awards/Rankings

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor, Debtor Rights Law, 1995-2017, 2019-2025
- Daily Business Review, Most Effective Lawyer Award in Bankruptcy
- Recognized for work on Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. (TBW) bankruptcy, 2012
- Recognized for work on TOUSA bankruptcy, 2011
- Chambers & Partners USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2009-2019
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor, Debtor Rights Law/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2022
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Business Reorganization, 2018
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™ rated
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2024
- The South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyer, 2006-2019
- Florida Trend Magazine's, Legal Elite, 2004-2006, 2010
- South Florida Business Journal, Best of the Bar

Bar Admission

- State of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida