

# 2020 Chambers USA Guide Ranks Five Meland Budwick, P.A. Attorneys, and Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Practices

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The 2020 Chambers USA Guide ranks Meland Budwick, P.A.'s Bankruptcy Litigation Practice as Band 1. Additionally, the 2020 guide ranks five of our Florida attorneys within the firm's Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, and Bankruptcy/Restructuring practices. According to its website, Chambers and Partners, publisher of the annual guide, selects attorneys and practices for inclusion based on thousands of interviews with practicing lawyers and clients worldwide.

## Florida Bankruptcy Litigation (Band 1)

Chambers calls the firm a "distinguished boutique with considerable abilities in large-scale bankruptcy and restructuring matters in South Florida, fielding notable skills in financial fraud litigation," with an ability to draw upon its firm-wide "strength in real estate, finance and corporate law to offer comprehensive bankruptcy coverage, including matters with complex cross-border aspects."

Chambers highlights its experience acting as special litigation oversight to Doug Kelley, the bankruptcy trustee for Petters Company, in all litigation matters, and acting as debtor's counsel for Miami International Medical Center in its Chapter 11 confirmation and the sale of assets under Section 363.

Chambers highlights Budwick, Russin, Genet, and Daniel Gonzalez as notable attorneys in this practice. Additionally, Chambers quotes a firm client as saying: "They are smart, relentless and tenacious" and "know how to get things done."



The following attorneys are ranked in this area:

<u>Budwick</u>: As co-chair of the firm's financial frauds group, Budwick is recognized by Chambers for his "reputation as a highly accomplished bankruptcy attorney, with expertise in advising on Ponzi scheme-related bankruptcy." Interviewees praise him for being "an extraordinary litigator, and a determined and tenacious guy," according to Chambers.

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<u>Solomon Genet</u>: Genet serves as co-chair of the financial fraud group and regularly handles contentious bankruptcy cases, as reported by Chambers. Clients recommend Genet "because he understands bankruptcy law, Ponzi schemes and bank claims," according to Chambers.

#### **General Commercial Litigation**

Chambers describes the firm as a "boutique Miami firm offering clients significant experience in the full range of commercial disputes, with a strong track record of success in state and federal courts. Other areas of expertise include intellectual property and real estate litigation." Chambers highlights the firm's representation of professional drone-racing league DR1 in a bet-the-company dispute with rival organization The Drone Racing League, a case involving claims of trademark infringement, false advertising and unfair competition.

The following attorneys are ranked in this area:

<u>Michael Budwick</u>: According to Chambers, Budwick is "noted in the market for his expertise in bankruptcy litigation" and his handling of "a range of commercial disputes, including breach of fiduciary cases and breach of contract claims."

<u>Eric Ostroff</u>: Chambers praises Ostroff's "extensive experience in commercial disputes, with a notable expertise in trade secrets cases." Additionally, Chambers quotes an Ostroff client who praises Ostroff's ability as an "outstanding attorney" to deliver on the technical side of cases while also connecting on much deeper client/attorney levels.

### South Florida Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Chambers highlights Budwick, Russin, Genet, and Daniel Gonzalez as notable attorneys in this practice. Clients are quoted as saying the lawyers are "smart,



relentless and tenacious" and "know how to get things done."

The following attorneys are ranked in this area:

<u>Daniel Gonzalez</u>: Interviewees say that Daniel Gonzalez is a very strong practitioner in the Chapter 11 world," and Chambers also notes his other areas of expertise including Chapter 7 and the sale of assets under Section 363.

**Peter Russin:** According to Chambers, Peter Russin "distinguishes himself by his extensive ability to advise on out-of-court workouts and reorganizations," with interviewees reporting that he is "prepared, diligent and works hard."

#### **About Meland Budwick**

Meland Budwick, P.A. is a Miami-based law firm that provides services to a broad array of corporate, fiduciary and individual clients. The Firm was co-founded in 1993 by entrepreneurial, business-minded attorneys with a vision to create a results-focused, diverse firm that provides high-quality legal counsel along with a personalized, client-centric approach. As part of the Firm's culture of community service, Meland Budwick, P.A. attorneys are actively involved at high levels with the local bar associations and serve on the boards of numerous community organizations. The Firm's attorneys are recognized by Chambers and Partners and rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.melandbudwick.com">www.melandbudwick.com</a>.