

## Stanley H. Eleff

Senior Member

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## Overview

Stan Eleff joined the firm in 1978 and is a Senior Member. He serves as the firm's general counsel and is a former chairman of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. His practice includes non-competes and restrictive covenants, franchising advice and litigation, construction disputes, unfair competition, franchising/distributorships/business opportunities, intellectual property advice and litigation, and arbitration and alternate dispute resolution.

## Representative Matters

Stan has handled hundreds of matters involving claims for breach of contract including enforcement and defense of claims relating to covenants not to compete and disputes relating to closely held corporations and multi-million dollar claims relating to all of the matters listed above.

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2019 - 2023
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Franchise Law, Construction Litigation, Labor & Employment Litigation, 2007-2023
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2007-2014, 2019-2022 (10+ year recognition)
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, 2006

## Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association
  - Forum on Franchising, 1984-present
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section
  - Franchising Committee, Founding Member
- American Arbitration Association
  - Construction and Commercial Arbitration Panels, 1986-present
  - Construction Panel Advisory Committee, Tampa Bay region
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- C. H. Ferguson M. E. White American Inn of Court, 1997-present
  - Treasurer, 2009-present

## Community Involvement

- Harvard Club, West Coast of Florida, Schools and Scholarship Committee
  - Chair, 2022
- Harvard Law School Fund, Class Agent
- Tampa Connection, 1986
- Hebrew National Orphan Home / Hartman Homecrest Alumni Association
  - President, 2009-2015
- Local Gymnastics Booster Organizations
  - Supporter and Past President

## Practice Areas

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Business Transactions
- Mediation and Arbitration
- Professional Liability
- Insurance
- Franchise Law

## Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1975  
A.B., high honors, Harvard College, 1969

## Admissions

Florida  
United States District Court, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida  
United States Courts of Appeals, First, Fifth, and Eleventh Federal Circuits  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
United States Tax Court

## Thought Leadership

Stan has authored and lectured on numerous continuing education materials on enforcing and defending claims regarding covenants not to compete. He has also authored and lectured on arbitration procedures.