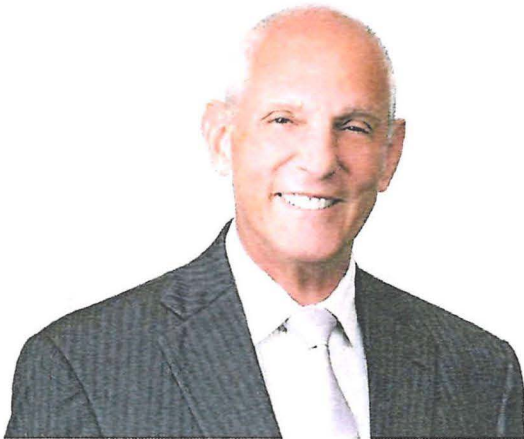


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Richard C. Milstein concentrates his practice on complex, not so complex, and high conflict trust, probate, estate, and guardianship litigation and administration, and family law matters. With Richard's over four decades of experience in these areas, he ably assists clients and members of families, whether related or not, with resolution of their issues in a caring and sensitive manner.

In addition to litigation and administration services, Richard provides life and estate planning advice to moderate and high net worth individuals and families concentrating his practice on innovative planning solutions for alternative families and same sex couples. One other area of special interest is his representation of the vulnerable in our community – children, the elderly, and those who are marginalized. Richard is Certified Mediator by the Florida Bar Board of Certification.

Richard is a past president of the Miami Dade Bar and a former chair of the Probate Committee and has served on the Board of the Miami Dade Bar for multiple years. Throughout his career he has been involved in numerous other organizations on a national, state, and local level, including the American Bar Association on the House of Delegates and more recently on the Commission on Law and Aging; the Florida Bar as the chair of the Council of Sections, on the Real Property and Probate Section (having served on many committees and leadership roles) and the Elder Law Section (past chair and legislative chair for many years). He is a fellow of the American College and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and been a representative on three national think tanks dealing with the issues of guardianship and the development of legislation and protocols in various states. Richard is a frequent lecturer on the issues in which he practices and on ethics and professionalism and is sought after to speak in all geographic areas.

A renowned champion for equal justice and pro bono legal services, Richard is the 2019 recipient of The Florida Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor. Other honors include the Dade County Bar Association's Legacy Award, the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Services Award presented by the Florida Supreme Court, as well as other national and state recognitions. In his honor, The Dade County Bar Association established an award designated the "Richard C. Milstein Award of Excellence."

Areas of Experience

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation
Tax
Trusts and Estates
Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1973
A.B., University of Miami, 1968, cum laude
A.A., Miami Dade College, 1966, with honors

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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Richard, outside of the practice of law, is involved in a diversified interests in the community. He currently serves as the chair of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and has been involved in the cultural community since the inception of his practice. Richard is a former chair of the Miami Foundation and of Inter Professional Council, formerly a board member of SAVE, founding president of Bet Shira Congregation, and member of the Miami Dade County Cultural Affairs Council and of the Independent Review Panel.

Published Work and Lectures

- Miami Dade Bar, Probate & Guardianship Committee, Speaker, "You Be the Judge: Probate & Guardianship Seminar," January 19, 2022
- Florida Bar's 2021 Annual Guardianship CLE, Speaker, "When Guardianships Get Tricky," December 2, 2021
- The Seminar Group, Comprehensive Elder Law for the General Practice Attorney, Speaker, "Guardianship of the Elderly," August 2016
- The Herrans Group at Merrill Lynch, Wealth Management Conference, Speaker, "Same Sex Couple Planning," August 20, 2015, Puerto Rico
- SunTrust Private Wealth Management Roundtable, Speaker, "The Recent U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Same Sex Marriage: What Was...What Is...What Will Be... Planning Techniques for your Clients and Future Challenges," August 18, 2015
- University of Miami School of Law's Public Interest Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, April 9, 2015
- Broward College, Religious Liberty and Same Sex Marriage Forum, Panelist, October 13, 2014
- Probate and Guardianship Committee, CLE Program Presenter, "DOMA: Deciphering the Rights of Marriage Equality," September 11, 2014
- 34th Annual South Florida FPA Conference, Speaker, "DOMA, Trying to Decipher the Ruling and its Application," April 25, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association, *Bench & Bar Conference*, "The Stars of Family Law," February 28, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association Probate and Guardianship Committee, Moderator and Speaker, "Probate & Guardianship: Fees, Fees, and More Fees!" January 15, 2014
- Dade County Bar Association Probate and Guardianship Committee, Speaker, "Financial Exploitation - The Epidemic is Here," May 2013
- American Civil Liberties Union, Speaker, "DOMA Town Hall: How *U.S. v. Windsor* Impacts You," March 2013
- Dade County Bar Association Guardianship and Probate Committee, Speaker, "Guardianship Summit Standards and Recommendations," May 2012
- White House Office of Public Engagement and University of Miami Center on Aging, Speaker, White House LGBT Conference on Aging, May 2012
- Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Keynote speaker, 1st Symposium on Aging, September 2011
- Introduction on Professionalism for all Continuing Legal Education Books for the Florida Bar 1999-current, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.
- Chapters on Guardianship, Ethics and on Elder Law Issues for Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Books, 1985-current.
- Lectures on Guardianship, Ethics and Elder Law Issues, Same Sex Couples and Domestic Partnership Rights and Obligations,

Florida Bar, NAELA, and other organizations, and Elder Law Issues, locally, statewide and nationally.

- Florida Guardianship Practice, Chapter - Role of Attorney in Planning, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Editions

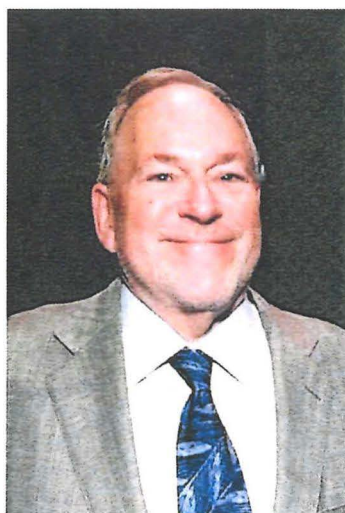
Affiliations

- American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Commissioner, 2010-2013
- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
 - Chair, 2022-Present
 - Chair elect 2020-2022
 - Board of Directors, 2007-Current
 - Counsel (Pro Bono), 2001-2007
 - Committees, 1998-2022
 - Governance Committee, 1991-1993
- American Bar Association, House of Delegates, 1990-1993
- Dade County Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2014 - Present
- Dade County Bar Association, Past President, 1988-1989
- The Florida Bar, Commission on Legal Needs of Children; Supreme Court Commission on Guardianship Monitoring; Real Property; Probate and Trust Law Sections; Probate and Guardianship Law Committees; Elder Law Section, Past Chair; Elder Law Certification Committee; Council of Sections, Past Chair, 2003-2004
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Member
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Member
- Cuban American Bar Association, Member
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Member
- Florida Bar Ethics Committee, Member
- Florida State Guardian Association, Member
- Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Member, Trustee
- National LGBT Bar Association, Member
- National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, Member
- National College of Probate Judges, Member
- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Board of Directors, Secretary
- New Leaders Council Miami, Mentor

Honors and Distinctions

- *Chambers* Diversity & Inclusion USA Awards 2019, Highly commended in the LGBT+ Equality Lawyer of the Year category
- The Florida Bar Foundation, Medal of Honor, 2019
- Dade County Bar Association, Names the "Richard C. Milstein Award of Excellence" presented annually to a recipient in the areas of professionalism and pro bono
- Dade County Bar Association, LGBTQ + Pride Celebration, Legacy Award, 2018
- *The Best Lawyers of America* 2004-2022, Listed in Florida for Family Law, Trusts and Estates Law, and Litigation - Trusts & Estates Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2022, Named as a "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation-Trusts and Estates in Miami

- *Super Lawyers Magazine* 2004-2021, Listed in Florida for Estate & Trust Litigation
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Listed as “Top Lawyer” in Family Law, 2006-2012, Distinguished Lawyer, 2012; Listed as “Top Lawyer” in Fiduciary Litigation, 2014-2019
- SAVE, 2014 Champions of Equality, Award Recipient
- United HomeCarc, 18th Annual Claude Pepper Awards, Recognized as 2012 Education/Advocacy honoree
- SAVE Dade Hall of Champions for Equality, May 2012
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite* 2004-2010, 2021, Listed for Wills, Trusts & Estates
- *South Florida Business Journal* 2004-2010, Recognized as “Best of the Bar”
- *Who's Who for Lawyers in America* 1990-2012
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Miracle Makers Award, 2011
- University of Miami Alumni Association, Recipient of the 2010 Thomas Davison, III Memorial Award
- Greater Miami Jewish Federation 2009, Honorable Theodore “Ted” Klein Special Recognition Award
- Anti-Defamation League 2008, Jurisprudence Award
- Care Resource 25th Anniversary Community Service Award, 2008
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyers 2014, Listed for Fiduciary Litigation
- The American Way Foundation 2007, Received “Spirit of Liberty Award from the People”
- Miami Dade College 2007, Hall of Fame Inductee
- Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Businessman of the Year, 2007
- *Ocean Drive's Power List* 2007, “A Wrap-Up of Those Who Make Miami Magic”
- Stetson University College of Law 2007, Received “Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service Award”
- LGBT National Task Force 2005, Miami Herald Humanitarian Award
- Leave a Legacy 2003, Awarded the “Professional Advisor of the Year Award”
- University of Miami Law School, Recognized as “Outstanding Alumnus,” 1999
- The Florida Bar 1987, 1997, President's Pro Bono Award
- John Minor Wisdom Professionalism Award, 1997
- Florida Supreme Court 1996, Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award



MILES WILKIN

Miles Wilkin, the Vice Chair of The John Gore Organization, is one of the leading innovators of the international entertainment industry, with over 35 years of experience.

He provides the vision for Broadway Across America's significant touring network and Broadway.com's vast e-commerce network. Wilkin, an original founder of Broadway Across America, is more broadly recognized as one of the founders of North American Touring Theatre. During his most recent stint at Broadway Across America, he revitalized its North American Presenting and Theatre operation.

Prior to BAA, he worked with Live Nation and its predecessors (Clear Channel Entertainment, Clear Channel Europe, SFX Entertainment, PACE Entertainment and PACE Theatrical) in various senior management positions where he was responsible for all divisions within the company, including: North American Music, North American Theatre, Motorsports, Sports, International Music and International Theatre.

Miles is the recipient of numerous awards including: 6 Tony Awards for producing (Spamalot, Hairspray, The Producers, Fiddler on the Roof, Gypsy and Jerome Robbins' Broadway), a Theatre Lifetime Achievement Award from The Broadway League, and he was honored with a Special Tony Award at the 2016 Tony Awards.

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Biography:

South Florida Youth Foundation

The South Florida Youth Foundation was founded in the year 2001, to raise needed funds, and provide direct assistance to elementary aged children in Overtown and Liberty City. These necessary tools helped provide a successful school year. Karen Fryd its director, had already started assisting children with school supplies since 1999 after visiting Fredrick Douglass Elementary in Overtown. A teacher had explained that many children could not do their homework without the basics. Together with School and Neighborhood Resource Officers from the City of Miami Police department, she identified specific needs such as uniforms, sweaters, shoes, school supplies and books that prevented children from successfully completing their school year.”

In addition, turkey drives, Christmas toy drives were added as well as working with High Schools. Later came programming in schools (Youth Crime Patrol Watch) and basically any need that was presented that seemed to be in budget. Help was given to many including YMCA at Holmes Elementary, Summer Camp for foster children, and gardens at many schools, Turners Kindergarten, PTA Programs, and the band at Fredrick Douglass who had no uniforms to perform. Over 300,000 articles of brand-new clothes were distributed (this was thru relationship with Hanes Company) Surplus on trucks were organized to drive to Hurricane Katrina’s most devastated neighborhoods thanks to friends at Channel 10. Computers were donated as well as over 40,000 backpacks, with supplies inside. Karen also had Christmas parties at the New Horizons Senior Center in Liberty City. Thru my relationship with the Police Department “ I have gotten to know” many different age groups! Many of the seniors have no family, and thanks to Community Affairs Office from Miami’s Police many elders were taken care of.

My inspiration has been the wonderful children, the dedicated teachers, Miami Police Department and their sincere focus on bettering the lives of children with wonderful prevention programs, all the wonderful friends and volunteers that have helped, and the generous donors that trusted and contributed to me. I am proud to say that I work at home, and have no overhead, enabling me to donate 100% of contributions directly to the

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Foundation. Karen has also worked with the “Trainable Mentally Handicapped Program” at Booker T. Washington. These young adults have been thriving with their new program which is a working kitchen. Most at graduation want to work in culinary field! She also started program such as “Violins against Violence” which puts a violin in young children’s hands in at-risk neighborhoods.” Midnight Basketball “took place at The Miami Rescue Mission in the hopes of giving youth alternatives. These activities inspired a positive focus that eliminated the chances of crime.

Numerous Projects were established:

Notables are “The Prom Shop” at Lindsey Hopkins Technical school” as well as “The Shop”. Believing that Prom was important to homeless and neediest youth In MDCPS’S Karen along with Dian Venturini – Director of Fund and Resource Development co – founded these two spaces that took care of Neediest and homeless youth and all given for free. Thousands of students have been helped in the District which includes schools from North Miami to Homestead. Our goal was just to have students and families feel “Normal”. Schools come to this happy place to pick anything they need and all for free. Served are Disability Programs as well as schools for teen Moms.

In later years Karen was invited to be on the Board of “The Arsht” which has been one of her proudest moments. “The Arsht” is a beacon of light that is guided by inclusivity and diversity. Students with Disabilities are celebrated and nurtured, mental Health is recognized and offered, Alvin Ailey Camp embraces and encourages children thru the Arts and motivates them enough to overcome feelings of low self - esteem. Understanding the power of “The Arts” in all its strength, power to heal and beauty has been a great gift to me.

Thank you

Karen Fryd
South Florida Youth Foundation