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Eaton Joel D Podhurst Orseck P.A.
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Podhurst Orseck P.A.

Joel Eaton of Podhurst Orseck P.A. frequently acts on appeals in some of the largest personal injury class actions in Florida and across the country. He has an excellent reputation among appellate litigators.

Stephen Rosenthal of Podhurst Orseck P.A. frequently provides appellate representation and trial support for plaintiffs in high-value class action cases, and also acts on securities litigation matters. "He's really smart, and a very good writer," peers report.

LITIGATION

Litigation: General Commercial
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Podhurst Aaron S Podhurst Orseck P.A.
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Prieto Peter Podhurst Orseck P.A.
Band 4
Marks Steven C Podhurst Orseck P.A.

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
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Podhurst Orseck P.A.
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Podhurst Orseck P.A.

What the team is known for Preeminent plaintiffs' litigation firm. Best known for handling international airline crash litigation and high-value multidistrict class actions. Also experienced in civil and criminal fraud cases.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)
 "A top-notch litigation boutique in Miami."

Work highlights Represented a large class of former football players and their relatives in multidistrict litigation against the National Football League, concerning concussion injuries suffered during their playing careers which are alleged to have caused latent brain damage.

Notable practitioners

Robert Josefsberg is identified as "a true trial lawyer" and acclaimed for his work in commercial

litigation cases and white-collar criminal defense matters. Sources are highly impressed by his "almost encyclopedic memory of the facts of cases" and consider him a "very good cross-examiner." **Aaron Podhurst** acts on many of the firm's most high-profile commercial litigation matters, including major class actions. Peers say: "Aaron is a leader; he is wonderful at shaping consensus and pushing things through to resolution. He commands the respect of other lawyers." Former Assistant US Attorney **Peter Prieto** is well regarded for his commercial litigation practice. Peers regard him as "an outstanding lawyer who is good in trial," reporting that "he's very good with witnesses, very well prepared, good on his feet and good with the judges." Market commentators describe **Steven Marks** as "very creative and an excellent jury trial lawyer," noting that he is "very well respected in town." He represents plaintiffs in airline crash litigation and high-profile class actions.

Leaders

EATON, Joel D
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Featured in Litigation (Florida)
Practice Areas: Appellate.
Career: Has handled civil appeals in state and federal courts for 37 years, and is a former Chairman of the Florida Supreme Court's Appellate Rules Committee. He also served two terms as a Member of the Supreme Court's Committee on Standard Jury Instructions in Civil Cases. He is a co-founder of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, is listed in Best Lawyers of America, and served as an Adviser to the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law (Third) Torts: Liability for Physical Harm.
Personal: Harvard University (JD cum laude, 1975); Yale University (BA 1965).

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Practice Areas: A broad range of civil and criminal litigation in all federal and state courts.

Career: One of Miami-Dade County's premiere trial lawyers, listed annually since 1987 in the Best Lawyers in America in two categories-Business Litigation and Criminal Law. Past President and Dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has served on the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Judiciary, as Chairman of the Southern District of Florida Judicial Evaluation Committee, and the Florida State University Law School Board of Visitors. In addition to commercial practice, he also handles the firm's white-collar criminal defense work - an outgrowth of his background as an assistant US attorney for the Southern District of Florida, as Special Counsel to the Dade County Grand Jury, and member of numerous commissions and task forces in the area of criminal law, including the U.S. Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules and Chairmanship of the Florida Bar's Criminal Law Certification Committee.
Personal: BA Dartmouth College, 1959; JD Yale Law School, 1962.

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Practice Areas: Partner focusing on aviation litigation, personal injury and wrongful death litigation, mass torts, product liability, commercial litigation, class actions, premise liability, and admiralty.
Professional Memberships: American Bar Association (former Chair, Aviation & Space Law Committee), Editorial Board Member; Tort and Insurance Law Journal Committee; The Florida Bar; The Florida Justice Association; American Association For Justice (former Chair, Aviation Law Section); Dade County Trial Lawyers; Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates, former President (Miami Chapter); and the Inns of Court.
Career: Experienced trial Lawyer, recognized by several international, national and regional publications. Has represented victims in numerous major commercial airline crashes (Air France, SpanAir, Silk Air, ValuJet, TAM Airlines, Concorde, GOL Airlines, SAS Airlines, DHL, Bashkirian Airlines, Swiss Air, Sibir Airlines), and countless victims of general

aviation and military accidents. Listed in "Best Lawyers in America" and "Top Lawyers in South Florida" and is listed in the "Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers".
Personal: BA University of Florida, (cum laude, 1982), JD University of Miami, (Editor-in-Chief of Law Review, cum laude, 1985).
PODHURST, Aaron S
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Featured in Litigation (Florida)
Practice Areas: A broad range of civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation, aviation and mass tort litigation in all federal and state courts.
Career: His distinguished career has brought him honors and offices from virtually every major legal organization, including the presidencies of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and The Florida Justice Association, fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Member of Board of Governors of Association of Trial Lawyers of America, membership in the International Society of Barristers and the Inner Circle of Advocates, and chairmanship of important aviation committees of the American Bar Association, American Association For Justice and The

Florida Justice Association. Although he made his reputation as one of the nation's premiere plaintiff's aviation lawyers, and continues to hold that status, he has guided the firm in recent years to its status as one of the major commercial litigation firms in South Florida.

Personal: BA from the University of Michigan in 1957, and Harland Fiske Stone Scholar and Juris Doctorate Degree from Columbia University.

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Practice Areas: A former federal prosecutor with significant trial experience, Prieto practices in the areas of complex civil litigation and

white-collar criminal defense, representing individual and corporate clients in civil litigation, including commercial, business torts, securities fraud and class action litigation. He defends individual and corporate clients in criminal investigations and prosecutions involving public corruption, banking and healthcare fraud, and aviation and environmental violations. Prieto has represented clients in litigation in a variety of industries, including the healthcare, telecommunications, petroleum, aviation, entertainment and banking industries. Prieto has extensive experience prosecuting and defending RICO claims. He has also been involved at leadership level in several multi-district litigation ("MDL") proceedings.

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Practice Areas: Partner focusing on appeals and complex civil trial litigation, including mass tort, class actions, commercial disputes and constitutional law.

Professional Memberships: US Supreme Court; US Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; US District Court, S.D. Florida and M.D. Florida; Florida Bar; District of Columbia Bar; American Association for Justice; Florida Justice Association.

Career: US Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch; Law clerk to US Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett (11th

Cir.) and to US District Judge Mark Wolf (D. Mass.).

Personal: Harvard Law School (JD, cum laude, 1996), Harvard College (BA, magna cum laude, 1992).