

Florida Powerhouse: Boies Schiller Flexner

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Law360 (September 22, 2026, 4:00 PM EDT) -- Boies Schiller Flexner LLP obtained several major legal victories for its clients in Florida over the past year, including prevailing at the U.S. Supreme Court when it declined to review a lower court's decision to vacate a \$1.5 million legal malpractice arbitration award and securing settlements for spurned FTX investors.

The firm — which has approximately 60 attorneys across two offices in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Florida — leaned into its expertise in complex litigation and in cross-border matters involving Latin America, earning it a spot as a 2026 Law360 Regional Powerhouse.

Boies Schiller is renowned for assisting consumers with class actions, shepherding clients through bet-the-company litigation and working on important pro bono matters, said Stuart Singer, one of the firm's three managing partners. Its work in Florida — where it started with a single attorney in 2000 — is no different, he said.

"We're very proud of our practice here," said Singer, who works in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office. "We have a group of extremely talented lawyers."

James Lee, the head of Boies Schiller's Miami office, noted that his location concentrates on three areas of work: serving national and international companies that are either based in or being sued in Florida; an international practice focused on companies that do business in Latin America; and a national practice where its attorneys are hired because of their specialized expertise.

For example, Delta Air Lines retained Boies Schiller attorneys familiar with technology for litigation in the Northern District of Georgia brought by consumers who alleged the company wrongly failed to issue refunds after their flights were delayed or canceled due to the 2024 CrowdStrike outage.

A federal judge in January blocked the consumers from re-raising previously dismissed claims, while allowing them to pursue others.

Boies Schiller attorneys who are bilingual or trilingual will travel to Latin America to meet with



companies and understand their legal needs, and then manage litigation or regulatory actions that may be in Florida or internationally, Lee said.

"We have to be really nimble in terms of being able to practice both U.S. law and international law and advise our clients that way," he said.

Jesse Panuccio, a former U.S. associate attorney general who works in Boies Schiller's Fort Lauderdale and Washington, D.C., offices, was one of the attorneys who last October successfully beat back a petition for certiorari by Royal Merchant Holdings LLC in litigation involving Miami-based personal injury firm Ferraro Law Firm PA.

The high court declined to review a Florida appellate court decision vacating a \$1.5 million legal malpractice arbitration award against Ferraro. The Florida court determined that an arbitrator did not follow pleading guidelines fairly when awarding \$1.5 million to Ferraro's ex-client.

"It's pretty tough to get an appellate court to get into an arbitration result at all; it's a pretty firm bar that you don't second-guess the arbitrator's award," Panuccio said. "So that result was both excellent for the client and pretty hard to obtain."

Panuccio noted that Boies Schiller also does robust business litigation involving the state government in Tallahassee. The firm represents both private clients with matters in the state capital and government agencies in a broad range of cases, he said.

"I think that's a somewhat unique profile for us because our understanding of the state and how it works is beneficial to our private clients, at the same time that we have a relationship with various agencies and officials as clients," Panuccio said. "I think that positions our firm pretty well in the state."

Lee said the firm is not afraid to pursue novel issues or arguments, such as when it sued personal finance influencer Erika Kullberg and the talent agency she founded over their alleged roles in promoting FTX, the now-collapsed crypto exchange.

FTX investors represented by Boies Schiller contended in March 2023 that Kullberg and other defendants violated the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by misleading them into purchasing unregistered securities that lost value after the platform went bankrupt.

In June 2025, Kullberg and her talent firm, Creators Agency LLC, reached a deal to resolve the claims against them.

"We may not know what the courts would have said in the end, but that's a good example of pushing the boundaries and seeing what sort of new law can be made," Lee said.

Looking ahead, Singer anticipates incremental growth in both of Boies Schiller's Florida offices as it actively recruits associates and brings in a select number of laterals that can supplement the firm's work.

Panuccio noted that after the firm began to offer summer associates the ability to split their time between Boies Schiller's offices in the Northeast and in Florida, many have opted to begin their careers in the Sunshine State.

"The firm is built on the strength of its lawyers and on a reputation that we fight, and we don't give up," said Sigrid McCawley, a managing partner for Boies Schiller who works in its Fort Lauderdale office. "I think that makes it such a special place to get to practice law."

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