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Service Focus

- Corporate Compliance and Governance
- Employee Defection and Trade Secrets
- Employee Leaves and Accommodations
- Employment Discrimination and Harassment
- Litigation and Trials

Industry Focus

- Automotive Dealership
- Education
- Healthcare
- K-12 Institutions

OVERVIEW

Cathy Stutin is a partner in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office where she focuses on helping employers navigate employment claims to successful resolutions and dismissals. In her 30 years of practice in management-side employment law, Cathy has handled individual and class claims under various civil rights statutes, as well as family and medical leave issues, wage hour matters, and restrictive covenants. She has tried cases involving claims for sexual harassment, race, religious and disability discrimination, retaliation, and ERISA violations in state and federal court as well as arbitration.

A significant portion of Cathy's practice is also devoted to counseling employers on the preventive measures they may take to avoid or reduce employment-related claims, including supervisory training and the development and administration of effective human resources policies and practices.

Cathy was an Articles and Comments Editor for the *University of Miami Law Review*. She is the author of Comment, *Arbitration and Selective Discipline of Union Officials After Metropolitan Edison*, 44 U. Miami L. Rev. 443 (1989), and was selected by the National Association of Women Lawyers to receive the Outstanding Woman Law Student Award at the University of Miami.

Cathy is "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She has been recognized for many years as a South Florida "Top Lawyer" by South Florida Legal Guide; has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 2008; and selected for inclusion in Florida Super Lawyers since 2010.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Cathy serves on the Board of Directors for the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing and comprehensive case management services, including medical, mental health, and job search assistance. She also heads up the Legal Committee for the Broward Partnership.

Credentials

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 1990
- Florida Atlantic University, B.A., summa cum laude, 1987

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
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Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011-2026)
 - *Chambers USA*, Labor & Employment (2022-2025)
 - "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
 - Recognized as a South Florida Top Lawyer by *South Florida Legal Guide*
 - Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers* since 2010
 - Included in the 2012 edition of *South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers*, presented by Legal Leaders.
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Affiliations

Professional Activities

Cathy is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), as well as a member of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Florida Bar, where she served on the Executive Council from 1997 through 2004. Cathy was also the editor of the Labor and Employment Law Section's newsletter from 1995 through 1998.

INSIGHTS

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Jun 5, 2025

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Jun 10, 2024

Fisher Phillips Earns Top Rankings Again as a Leading Firm in Labor and Employment Law by Chambers USA

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Fisher Phillips Once Again Recognized as a Top Labor and Employment Law Firm by Chambers USA

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Jun 10, 2022

Fisher Phillips South Florida Annual Seminar – The Great Transformation: Rethinking the Workplace and Your Role

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Jun 1, 2022

Fisher Phillips Recognized Again as a Top Labor and Employment Law Firm by Chambers USA

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Aug 20, 2020

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