



## Patricia Lebow

OF COUNSEL

Patricia Lebow is Of Counsel and located in the firm's Palm Beach Office. The focus of Patricia's practice is Estate Planning.

Prior to joining the Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun team, Patricia Lebow was the Founding and Managing Partner of the West Palm Beach office of Broad and Cassel, which opened its doors in 1983 and was merged into a regional firm in 2018.

Mrs. Lebow has been honored year after year for her expertise and integrity as a Florida Super Lawyer, Florida Legal Elite by Florida Trend Magazine, Leading Lawyer by South Florida Business Journal, Top Lawyer by South Florida Legal Guide (including being named as one of the Top 100 Florida Lawyers), South Florida Power Player, and one of Florida's 50 most successful women leaders. The American Bar Association named Mrs. Lebow a "Fellow" in recognition of her dedication to the profession.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS



- ▶ Jurisprudence Award from Anti-Defamation League, 2019
- ▶ Litigation Counsel of America, Peter Perlman Service Award 2019
- ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award (Daily Business Review 2017)
- ▶ Named by Woodward and White, The Best Lawyers in America as a "Bet the Company" Litigator (2008 – 2019)
- ▶ Named by Chambers USA: A Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers (2007 – 2019)
- ▶ Named Top 20 South Florida Women Lawyers
- ▶ Power Leaders in Law (South Florida Business Journal)
- ▶ South Florida CEO Power Player
- ▶ Sun Sentinel, Excalibur Award – Outstanding Business Leader for Palm Beach County (2005)
- ▶ March of Dimes' Women of Distinction Award (2001)
- ▶ Executive Women of Palm Beach County Leadership Award (2000)
- ▶ South Florida's Legal Elite – Hall of Fame Inductee, 2016 (Legal Elite 2004 – 2020)
- ▶ Honorary Chair, Women in Leadership Awards, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches (2012 and 2013)
- ▶ Amity Regional High School Hall of Honor – Woodbridge, CT (2007)
- ▶ American Bar Foundation (Elected Fellow)
- ▶ Litigation Counsel of America (Elected Fellow)
- ▶ Named one of South Florida's Most Successful Businesswomen (Fastrack Magazine)
- ▶ Florida Bar Board Certification as Family, Circuit and County Court Mediator (1998)
- ▶ Florida Bar Board Certification as Civil Trial Lawyer (1983 – 1988)
- ▶ Epilepsy Association, President's Award for Commitment

## Practice Areas

- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- ▶ Florida, 1974
- ▶ District of Columbia, 1975
- ▶ New York, 1984

## EDUCATION

- ▶ University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1973
- ▶ Boston University School of Public Communication, B.S., Cum Laude, Journalism, 1969

## COURT INFORMATION

- ▶ U.S. Supreme Court, 1977
- ▶ U.S. District Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1974
- ▶ U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1974
- ▶ U.S. District Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1981
- ▶ U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1990

## How is your LLC taxed for federal income tax purposes?



- ▶ Roger Sorino Award, University of Miami (Outstanding Graduate 1973)
- ▶ AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell

#### CURRENT CIVIC & MAJOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES



- ▶ • Co-Founder and President, Kids' Dreams, Inc.
- Founding/Board Member, International Women's Forum, Palm Beach Chapter
- Board of Advisors, Economic Council of Palm Beach County
- Member, The Society of the Four Arts of Palm Beach
- Member, Forum Club of The Palm Beaches
- Trustee, Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Kravis Center for the Performing Arts (Founder)
- University of Richmond (Lebow Family Scholarship)
- Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation (Founder)
- Israel Tennis Centers (Re-Founder)
- Miami Douglas Gardens Home for Aged (Next Generation)

#### PAST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



- ▶ • Board of Trustees, University of Richmond
- Board of Directors and Officer, Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park
- Chair, Economic Council of Palm Beach County
- Chair, West Palm Beach Mayor/Commission Salary Review Committee
- Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Home Safe of Palm Beach County
- Board of Directors and Legal Counsel, United Way of Palm Beach County
- Board of Directors, Palm Beach County Cultural Council for the Arts
- Board of Directors, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County
- Board of Directors, Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews
- Board of Trustees, Bizpac
- Board of Directors, Foundation for the School of Performing Arts
- Founder/Board Member, Impact 100, Palm Beach Chapter
- Board of Directors, Equity Bank
- Board of Directors, The Children's House of the Palm Beaches
- Board of Directors, Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County
- Board of Directors, Florida Repertory Theater
- Member, Florida Circuit-Civil Mediator Society
- Board of Directors, Growing Together
- Board of Directors, Young Lawyers Board of Governors of The Florida Bar
- Board of Directors, Dade County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Legal Committee Anti-Defamation League
- Member, Florida Bar Grievance Committee
- Member, Palm Beach County Ethics Ordinance Committee
- Member, Palm Beach County Judicial Relations Committee
- Member, Martin County Economic Council
- Co-Chairman, Epilepsy Auction
- Founder of SLIC (all women investment club – "Savvy Ladies' Investment Club")
- Participant, U.S. Congressman Clay Shaw's United States Academy Nominating Committee
- Primary Member, Lawyers Associated Worldwide (2006 – 2018)

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### No Extension of Time Permitted to File a Tenant-In-Common Election Due to Excusable Neglect

Nov 20th, by [Brian M. Spire](#)

Excusable neglect does not warrant an extension of the time to make a tenant-in-common election. See, *Samad v. Pla*, 267 So. 3d 476, 477-78 (Fla. 2d 2019). As a reminder, the tenant-in-common ("TIC") election permits a surviving spouse to elect a one-half interest in decedent's homestead, in lieu of a [...]

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### Welcome Giannina E. Smith, Esq!

Nov 18th, by [Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun](#)

Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, LLP announces its newest addition to their team, Giannina E. Smith, Esq. The focus of Giannina's practice is tax and estate planning matters. Giannina received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree, cum laude, from Florida State University in 2016. She earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, [...]

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### Your Will: Is it Enforceable in Florida?

Nov 06th, by [Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun](#)

Generally speaking, estate matters are governed by state law. A will is considered valid when it meets the legal requirements of the state where it is drafted. However, your estate is administered according to the laws of the state where you die. As a result, a common question our clients [...]

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## Over 100 Awards & Recognitions

