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**Michael D. Joblove** is a founding shareholder and leads the firm's commercial litigation practice, which focuses on franchise, real estate, employment and securities litigation. With other members of the firm, Joblove provides national franchise counsel to Restaurant Brands International handling franchise litigation for its Burger King®, Popeyes® and Tim Hortons® brands throughout the United States. He has also represented numerous other franchisors, including Benihana National Corp., Churromania®, Church's Chicken®, Subway®, T.G.I. Friday's®, Smoothie King, Pearle Vision, Inc., and Gap, Inc., among others. Joblove's real estate litigation practice covers a wide range of matters, including major construction defect cases, land use and zoning matters, development concurrency issues, claims involving construction financing of condominium developments and foreclosures of commercial properties. He has successfully defended class action suits alleging construction defects and ADA.

Joblove is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a Fellow in the Trial Lawyer Honorary Society of the Litigation Counsel of America. He is also listed in Best Lawyers in America and has been named the Best Lawyers' 2011 Miami Franchise Lawyer of the Year. He has been ranked as one of the country's leading franchise attorneys by Chambers & Partners USA, named one of Florida's top attorneys by Florida Trend and South Florida Legal Guide, recognized by Franchise Times as one of the nation's leading franchise attorneys, and included as a "Super Lawyer" in Florida Super Lawyers. In addition, Joblove has been selected by Who's Who Legal, which describes him as a "stellar practitioner," to appear in the "International Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers" and the "International Who's Who of Business Lawyers."

Joblove was appointed by the Florida House of Representatives as a commissioner on the Florida Commission on Ethics. The independent nine-member commission interprets and applies Florida's ethics laws by taking action on the disposition of complaints, the recommendation of penalties, and the issuance of legal opinion.

He has lectured at numerous conferences of the American Bar Association and the International Franchise Association on franchise law topics. He has served on the Board of Governors of the ABA's Forum of Franchising and on the Executive Committee and Board of the IFA. He has co-written "Annual Franchise and Distribution Law Developments," a book published by the ABA, co-authored other ABA franchise law books, and has published articles on franchise law for the National Law Journal, New York Law Journal, Franchise Times and the ABA.

Joblove is a former executive editor of the University of Florida Law Review and editor of the ABA's Business Torts Newsletter. He is the former chair of the Florida Bar Subcommittee on appellate judge evaluations. He has held leadership roles in numerous community groups, including the United Way and the Miami Music Association.

### PRACTICE

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Franchise Law and Litigation
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Real Estate Litigation

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida, 1982
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida

### EDUCATION

- **University of Florida College of Law,**  
Gainesville, Florida
  - J.D. - 1982
- **George Washington University**
  - B.A. - 1979

### LANGUAGES

- English