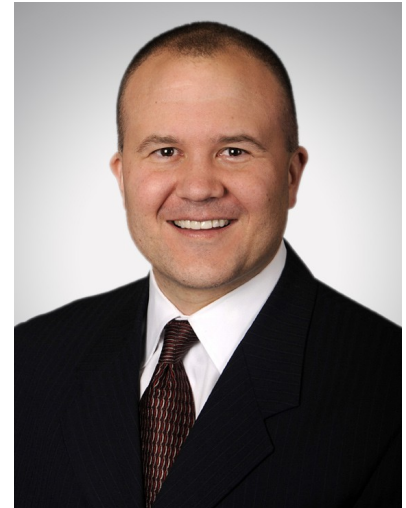


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- Successful defense in arbitration of wrongful termination claims by former franchisees against a child identification business franchisor.
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### Education and Honors

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., 1995)
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