



# Samuel A. Lewis

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#### Practice Areas

- Copyright & Content
- Trademark & Brand
- Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants, and Computer Abuse
- Intellectual Property
- Artificial Intelligence

#### Industry Sectors

- Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology

#### Education

- University of Florida School of Law, J.D., 1995
- Florida State University, M.A., 1991
- Florida State University, B.A., 1989

#### Bar Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia

#### Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Florida
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia

#### Affiliations

Board of Trustees, Temple Judea 2017-Present

Chair (2023 - Present) and Vice Chair (2021 - 2023) of the Florida Bar's Grievance Mediation & Fee Arbitration Committee

Samuel focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation and transactional matters involving computer, technology, and Internet-related issues. He has represented a wide variety of clients including motion picture companies, photographers, internet and computer-related companies, health care providers, and various other corporations seeking to secure rights, protect their intellectual property and defend their rights on the internet. He has also served as outside general counsel to a variety of corporations. Sam's background as a photojournalist and computer software developer enables him to combine a practical understanding of content creation and a technical perspective to find solutions for his clients.

Sam has authored more than 50 articles relating to technology and intellectual property law. He has also lectured extensively and served for seven years as an adjunct professor of law at the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University. His lecture course, "Computers and the Law," covered topics including internet jurisdiction, computer-related evidentiary issues, electronic discovery, privacy issues, "Cybertorts," and the development of laws relating to computer usage, electronic commerce, and electronic signatures.

Since 2012, Sam has been a member of the Local Rules Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Sam is also actively involved with the Intellectual Property Law, Computer and Technology Law, Grievance Mediation & Fee Arbitration, and e-Discovery Committees of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section, and through that involvement has helped to shape legislation in Florida relating to computers and other intellectual property issues. He is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit mediator.

Sam is board certified in intellectual property law by the Florida Bar and is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Florida State University. He earned his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law.

#### Experience

Represented Stuzo, LLC, a digital commerce payments and cross-channel customer loyalty technology company, in its sale to an affiliate of Longshore Capital Partners, a middle-market private equity investment firm. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate; technology, privacy, and data security; tax; labor and employment; employee benefits and executive compensation; and intellectual property attorneys.

Represented Aspen Capital Group, LLC, a private equity firm, in its role as lead investor in the \$25 million Series B fundraising round of CLARA analytics, Inc., a provider of artificial intelligence technology in the commercial insurance industry. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, intellectual property, and labor and employment attorneys.

Represented a leading software provider to blood and plasma collection centers and hospitals in its sale of 100 percent of the membership interests in the company. The transaction included the rollover of certain members as minority members in a newly formed holding company.

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Vice Chair of the Florida Bar's Intellectual Property Law Certification Committee, 2021 - Present

#### **Awards & Honors**

- Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law by the Florida Bar, 2007 - Present
- Chambers USA, 2020-2024
- Lawyer Monthly, Internet Law – Lawyer of the Year - USA, 2016
- Best Lawyers in America 2007-2025
- Best Lawyers in Florida 2018
- South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers" 2019
- Florida Super Lawyers 2007-2024
- Business Today, Top 10 IP Lawyers Impacting Florida's Legal Scene, 2023

Represented Utz Quality Foods, LLC in its acquisition of Inventure Foods, Inc. in a deal valued at \$165 million. The transaction was completed via a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of Inventure Foods common stock, followed by a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of Utz into Inventure Foods pursuant to Section 251(h) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Inventure Foods will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Utz. Inventure Foods manufactures and sells salted snacks under the brands Boulder Canyon®, TGI Fridays™, Nathan's Famous®, Vidalia Brands®, Poore Brothers®, Tato Skins®, and Bob's Texas Style® and has manufacturing facilities in Arizona and Indiana.

Represented a German developer and manufacturer of professional unmanned aerial drones and related software systems in the sale of all of its capital stock to Intel Corporation.

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