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Michael Swan focuses his practice on guardianship, estate planning, mental health law, and probate and trust administration. With a statewide practice and decades of experience, Mike assists families, fiduciaries, and professionals in navigating complex guardianship and mental health matters. A founding attorney of his former firm, he has practiced in these areas since 1985 and has served in substantive roles with The Florida Bar, contributing to the development of probate and mental health law at the statewide level.

Mike is deeply committed to his profession and community. He has held leadership positions with numerous organizations, including serving as Chairman of the Public Guardianship Program of Indian River County, Co-Chair of the United Way Annual Campaign, Chairman of the Mental Health Collaborative, and as a member of the Indian River County Estate Planning Council. He currently serves as President of The Hundred Club of Indian River County, Treasurer of the Indian River Lacrosse Association, and on the Board of Directors of the Indian River Community Foundation.

Recognitions

- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2024–2026

Community Activities

- Indian River Community Foundation, Board of Directors, 2022–present
- Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County, Board Member, 2015–present; Chairman, 2018–2019
- Indian River Lacrosse Association, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 2014–present
- Indian River County Estate Planning Council, Member, 2007–present; Board of Directors, 2011–2018
- First Methodist Church, Vero Beach, Church Council, 2024–present; Mission Member, multiple trips including Costa Rica, Belize, Honduras, and others

Practices & Industries

Estate & Trust Administration

Estate Planning

Guardianship

Wills & Trusts

Admissions

Florida

Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1985

University of Florida, B.A., 1981, Economics

- The Hundred Club of Indian River County, Vice President, 2021–2023; President, 2024–2025
- United Way of Indian River County, Campaign Co-Chair, 2014–2015; Campaign Cabinet, 2012–2014
- The Public Guardianship Program of Indian River County, Board of Directors, 2011–2019; Chairman, 2015–2019
- Hibiscus Children's Foundation, 2003–2014
- Rotary Club of Coral Gables, 1994–2002
- Miami Children's Hospital President's Cabinet, 1991–2000

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- The Florida Bar
  - Probate Rules Committee, 1997-2003, 2020-Present
  - Executive Council, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Florida Bar Association 11th Circuit Representative, 1998-2004
- Brevard County Bar Association
- Indian River County Bar Association
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association, Probate and Guardianship Committee, Chairman, 1998-1999
- The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
- University of Miami School of Law Moot Court Judge, Summer 1996
- Florida Blue Key
- Pi Kappa Alpha – University of Florida

News

20 Lowndes Attorneys Named 2026 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
06.26.2026 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Publications

Florida Summary Administration: A Faster, Easier Way to Settle an Estate
11.19.2025 | ARTICLE

Florida Guardian Advocacy: A Streamlined Approach to Establishing a Guardianship Over Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
07.15.2025 | ARTICLE

Guardianship: Overview and alternatives
02.14.2025 | ARTICLE