

HENKEL LAW, P.A.

Produce Business Law/PACA ♦ Business and Commercial Litigation ♦ General Corporate, Contracts, and Business Law
Miami, Florida ♦ (305) 389-6745

Tim grew up in Virginia. In high school, he won various speaking and team awards on the debate team, was the Vice President of his senior class, and graduated tenth in his class. He is happily married, resides in Miami, is the proud father of two adult sons, and his personal interests include the U.S. stock market, reading, traveling, and pursuing happiness.

Practice Areas

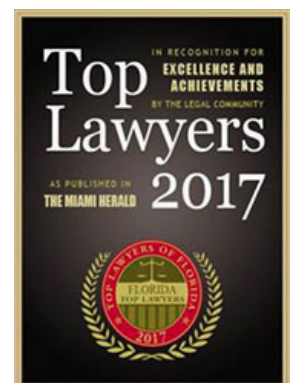
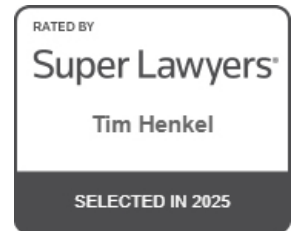
- Commercial litigation (including multi-party and other complex cases) in Florida state courts and Federal district courts nationwide involving any type of business dispute, such as cases involving breach of contract, torts such as breach of fiduciary duty and fraud, violations of statutes and regulations, insurance disputes, and commercial landlord/tenant disputes.
- Representation of U.S. fresh produce industry traders and participants and produce business disputes, including in reparation complaint proceedings before the USDA under the PACA and Federal court actions involving enforcement of the PACA Trust.
- Contract negotiation and drafting including agreements for the sale of businesses and the purchase of goods and provision of services.
- General business law and corporate/LLC law advice to individuals and companies.
- Corporate divorces arising from disputes between shareholders, LLC members, partners and other business owners; and dissolution of businesses.
- Judgment collection for creditors; asset protection advice and judgment collection protection for debtors.
- Serving as general counsel for a large fresh produce company.
- Serving as local counsel in Florida State and Federal Courts for non-Florida attorneys with Florida clients or business litigation/produce industry cases in the State.

Admissions

- The Florida Bar, 1989.
- The California Bar, 2016.
- The Virginia Bar, 1988.
- U.S. Supreme Court.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits.
- United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida; the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia; and the Southern, Central, Eastern, and Northern Districts of California.

Education

- *Juris Doctor*, with honors (graduated 10th in law school class), George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia, 1988.
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 1985 (double major in history, and rhetoric and communications); Dean's List all semesters in junior and senior years.



HENKEL LAW, P.A.

Produce Business Law/PACA ♦ Business and Commercial Litigation ♦ General Corporate, Contracts, and Business Law
Miami, Florida ♦ (305) 389-6745

Judicial Clerkships

- Honorable Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr., U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division, 1988-90.

General Counsel

- General Counsel, Sol Group and Fyffes North America, December 2021 – present.

Arbitrator

- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

Certifications

- Successfully completed Foreign Supplier Verification Program sponsored by Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance, January 2020.
- Certified in Internal Investigations by HRcertification.com, April 2021.

Honors and Selections

- Martindale Hubbell's AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rating, 1999-2022.
- Martindale Hubbell's "Platinum Client Champion" award, 2021 & 2022 (recognizing attorneys for their commitment to the best client service).
- Board of Editors, Law Review, George Mason University School of Law (1987-88).
- Best Oralist and Best Team, Moot Court competition, George Mason University School of Law (1988).
- Graduated 10th in both law school and high school classes
- Selected for publication in Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2009, 2014 & 2016.
- Listed by Avvo.com, 2011-22, as "Superb" (10 out of 10 rating).
- Selected for publication by Super Lawyers, 2013-2022.
- Selected for publication in 2015 South Florida's Top AV Rated Lawyers.

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Business Contracts A to Z" seminar sponsored by National Business Institute, Miami, December 5, 2012 and West Palm Beach, April 16, 2015. Presented on the following topics concerning business contracts: essential legal elements; master agreements; choice of forum and law; statutes of limitation; and drafting of business terms and conditions including representations and warranties, indemnification, dispute resolution provisions, and boilerplate; and drafting considerations for shareholder, partnership, and operating agreements.
- Speaker, "The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act: What It Is and Why You Need to Know" webinar sponsored by the Knowledge Group, September 24, 2018. Presented on topics concerning the PACA including: application, sources, and purpose of the law; USDA trading assistance to the industry; PACA licenses and USDA discipline; reparation complaints; Unfair Conduct; and the PACA Trust.

