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Areas of Practice

Consumer Litigation Defense Practice | Litigation / Trial Practice | Class Action Defense

Scott S. Gallagher is a Partner in the Jacksonville office of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, and has been with SGR since 2001. Mr. Gallagher concentrates his practice in commercial litigation with a focus on defense of individual and class action claims brought by consumers in the consumer finance, accounts receivable management, and collection industries.

Mr. Gallagher received his A.B. in Political Science from Duke University in 1996 and his J.D. from the University of Florida in 2000. He has been a member of the Florida Bar since 2000.

Representative Experience

Mr. Gallagher has handled dozens of class action claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), and many other consumer protection laws including the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), the Electronic Funds Transfer Act ("EFTA") and the Privacy / Anti-Eavesdropping Provisions under the California Penal Code. He has also handled more than one thousand individual and class action claims under the FDCPA, the TCPA, the FCRA and numerous state consumer protection laws including the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act ("FCCPA"), Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act ("FDUTPA"), the California Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and similar consumer protection laws in Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, West Virginia and other states, and claims relating to alleged violations of the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Additionally, he advises clients on matters of compliance under the TCPA, the FDCPA and FCRA, and partners with clients to craft and maintain policies and procedures to ensure compliance with such laws in order to prevent litigation and avoid liability.

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Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- District of Colorado
- Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida
- Northern District of Illinois
- Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- Eastern District of Missouri
- Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- Eastern District of Wisconsin

Memberships

- ACA International (Association of Credit and Collection Professionals)
- Florida Collectors Association

Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Jacksonville (2020-2025)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation Real Estate, Jacksonville (2023-2025)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated Attorney

Presentations

- ACA International 2020 Virtual Convention & Expo Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck in Litigation
- ACA International 2016 Convention & Expo Association of Credit and Collection Professionals So Why Exactly Are You Here? Application of Changing Standards of Standing to Bring Consumer Lawsuits

Press

- <u>SGR Client Frontline Asset Strategies Receives Favorable Decision in California Federal Court</u>
- The Best Lawyers in America® Recognizes 102 SGR Attorneys in 2024 Edition
- Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 91 SGR Attorneys in 2023 Edition
- Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 66 SGR Attorneys in 2022 Edition
- Best Lawyers in America© Recognizes 63 SGR Attorneys in 2021
- Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 SGR Attorneys in 2020