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Avery S. Chapman has been an attorney for over 29 years. His Equine Law Group litigation practice takes him before international and national governing body tribunals, federal and state courts. Mr. Chapman's Equine Law Group practice addresses issues confronting the equestrian community and industry including purchase and sale fraud claims, sales and commissions disputes and secret profit-taking, *lex sportiva* (the law or sport), equine activity statutes, liability and negligence claims and defense, equine business entity selection, formation and transactions, equine employment issues, equine insurance coverage disputes, equine liens, officer and director liability and corporate governance both in the for-profit and non-profit sectors, general tax considerations involving equine businesses, veterinarian representation, agricultural classification, zoning and land use. Mr. Chapman possesses extensive first chair trial experience. He has drafted equine drug and medications rules and enforcement regulations and has represented parties not only at trials and in private arbitrations, but in proceedings including violation hearings, conduct hearings and disciplinary hearings before the Federation Equestre Internationale ("FEI") in Lausanne, Switzerland, and before the United States Polo Association (USPA), United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and other equine sport governing organizations.

Mr. Chapman is a 2020 *Daily Business Review Excellence Award Legal Innovator Honoree*, and has received the 2016 and 2018 *American Bar Association Outstanding Services Awards* for his pro bono service to military families, as well as a recipient of the 2016 *Palm Beach Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Award* for his services to the elderly. Mr. Chapman is a multi-term member of the Professional Ethics Committee of the American Bar Association and of the Professionalism Committee of the Palm Beach County, Florida Bar Association. He has also spoken and written on the topics of professionalism in state and federal practice. He is also actively involved in the Florida Bar Association and is the founding and inaugural Chair of the Florida Bar Equine Law Committee, which covers a cross-disciplinary area of law.

While in law school, Avery clerked for the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. in New York Supreme Court. Judge Baer was later elevated to the federal bench for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Chapman is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, the United States District Courts for New Jersey, Connecticut, the Southern District and Middle District Courts for the District of Florida, and the United States Supreme Court. Beyond the law practice, After 30 years in polo, Avery returned to endurance sports, where is a member of the national Team USA for triathlon, where he represents the United States in international triathlon competitions and coaches interscholastic athletes.

Mr. Chapman is also a nationally-recognized writer, speaker, and witness regarding Equine Law and legal and ethical issues related to the equine industry. He speaks at seminars and

publishes law articles and chapters frequently, serves on various equine committees and has been called as an expert witness.

Publications, Awards and Speaking Initiatives:

Horse Sense and Nonsense: Why Equine Law is Not That Simple,

National Academy of Continuing Legal Education, October 27, 2020: 65 min

<https://www.nacle.com/CLE/Courses/Horsesense-and-Nonsense-Why-Equine-Law-is-Not-That-Simple-1621>

Daily Business Review Excellence Award Legal Innovator Honoree 2020, The Daily Business Review, May 4, 2020.

<https://www.law.com/dailybusinessreview/2020/05/04/dbr-announces-2020-professional-excellence-award-honorees/>

Equine Business Relief and COVID-19, updating the community on the present status of relief available to the equine industry, April 1, 2020.

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Chapter *Equine Law In Florida*, for the pending e-treatise *Animal Law In Florida*, soon to be published by The Florida Bar Animal Law Section.

What Every Rider Should Know About Human Doping, Elite Equestrian, March-April 2020.

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Prepurchase Examinations – Best Practices to Avoid Concerns. Elite Equestrian, Volume 20, Issue 1, January-February 2020.

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Horse Trainers Beware: Training Fees Not Included Under Stablekeeper's Lien Law in Florida, Wellington Magazine, May 1, 2019,

<https://issuu.com/floridamagazinepublishers/docs/wellingtonthemagazinemay2019/42?e=1976104/57772931>

Unexpected Teamwork in Federal Jury Trials, The Federal Lawyer, October/November 2018, Vol. 68, No. 8, <https://www.fedbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Chapman-pdf-1.pdf>

Fraud in Horse Sales: Florida's Rule 5H and Unfair and Deceptive Acts by Equine Sellers, Agents, and Others, The Florida Bar Journal, Volume 92, No. 9, November 2018.

<https://www.floridabar.org/the-florida-bar-journal/fraud-in-horse-sales-floridas-rule-5h-and-unfair-and-deceptive-acts-by-equine-sellers-agents-and-others/>

LLCs: Considerations when Doing Horse Business Out-of-State, The Horse Authority, July 30, 2018, <https://horseauthority.co/author/averychapman/>

Conducting Equine LLC Business Across State Lines, Elite Equestrian, Vol. 18, Issue 2, March 2018.

Speaker, *Law and the Legal Profession*, Florida Atlantic University, Department of Politics and International Relations, The Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, February 20, 2018.

Understanding Care, Custody or Control Insurance in Equine Industry, The Horse Authority, February 24, 2016, <https://horseauthority.co/author/averychapman/>

Speaker, *Equine Law, Seminar Speaker*, Florida State University College of Law, March 2, 2015 <https://www.facebook.com/events/716964588423557/>

Seminar Moderator and Speaker, *Equine Law*, National Business Institute, July 16, 2014

Animal Law Issues in Estate, Family and Environmental Law Seminar, Seminar Speaker, The Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 23, 2006

Business Litigation: State Jurisdiction, Business Litigation In Florida, 7th ed., and 8th ed., The Florida Bar, publ. January 1, 2011, 2012. Chapter 1 (2012 and 2013), discussing the considerations for establishing personal or subject matter jurisdiction over parties and matters in business law disputes.

Business Litigation: The Economic Loss Rule, Business Litigation in Florida, 7th ed., The Florida Bar, Chapter 23, January 1, 2011 [As of 2013, now a handy reference to the history of the ELR in Florida prior to its contraction by *Tiara Condominium Association v. Marsh & McLennan Companies*, 110 So. 3d 399 (Fla. 2013)].

Defeating Fraudulent Equine Liens in the Equine Industry, Elite Equestrian, Vol. 16, Issue 2.

Decoding Horse Sales Fraud, ratemyhorsepro.com, August 22, 2016

Common Equine Contracts: What They Are, Pitfalls to Avoid, and Ideas for Effective Drafting, Seminar Speaker, American Bar Association, December 9, 2014. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=872457196140224&id=163124000406884

Grooms and Workers Compensation Insurance: To Have or Not to Have, That is the Question. Elite Equestrian, November 1, 2014

Page 58-60: An article discussing whether and why workers compensation insurance is or is not required for grooms.

Written Contracts In the Informal Horse World, Elite Equestrian, January 1, 2015

Pages 44-46; Discussing the preference for informality in the equine world against the necessity of putting certain important terms of an agreement in writing to avoid faulty memories and loss of friends later.

The Benefits of Conservation Easements to Equine Properties, Elite Equestrian, Vol. 15, Issue 6.

Considerations for Breeding Contracts, Elite Equestrian, March 1, 2015

Pages 70-71; an article exploring certain key terms to include in breeding contracts, including but not limited to: payment, allocation of risk, scope of service, disclaimers, disclosures, jurisdiction and venue.

Does Your Equestrian Facility Have the Right Insurance Asset Protection? Elite Equestrian, May 1, 2015

Pages 44-45; an article analyzing a series of unfortunate events at an equine facility and discussing what insurance should have been in place.

Winter Show Season Is Almost Here. Do You Have Good Contracts? Elite Equestrian, September 1, 2015

Pages 44-45; Discussing boarding, training, consignment, purchase and sale contracts from the perspectives of owners, trainers and stablekeepers.

Author, A Taxing Question: What Deductions Can You Take for Your Hobbies and Businesses?, North American Equine Services, LLC, northamericanequine.com, (2011)

Defeating Fraudulent Equine Liens in the Equine Industry., Elite Equestrian, March 1, 2016.

Expert and Consulting Witness Designations:

Expert Witness, *Malloy v. Colchester*, 2002 WL 31466488, Conn.. Super. Ct. (October 18, 2002).

Expert Witness, *Fermo, et al. v. Coral Reef Riding Academy, LLC*, Case No. 2017-CA -006521, 15th Judicial Circuit, In and For Palm Beach County, Florida, 2019.

Expert Witness, Equine Law matter (not yet disclosed by counsel), Texas Circuit Court, 2020.

Consulting Witness, Equine Law matter (not yet disclosed by counsel), California Superior Court, 2020.

Equine Organization Membership and Participation:

Governor-At-Large, United States Polo Association, 2012-2015.

Equine Welfare Committee Member, United States Polo Association, 2008 – present.

Safety Committee Member, United States Polo Association, 2010 – present.

Finance Committee Member, United States Polo Association, 2011 – present.

Club and Membership Committee Member, United States Polo Association, 2017 – present.

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United States Equestrian Federation, Business Member, 2017 – present.

Rule 11A, Disciplinary Procedure for Violations of Drug and Medications Program, United States Polo Association Ad Hoc Committee, March 2010

Professional Community Involvement:

Founding Chair, Equine Law Committee, The Florida Bar, 2012.

Professionalism Committee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2017 – present.

Professionalism and Ethics Committee, Federal Bar Association, Member 2018 – present.

Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, Member 2016 – present.

E-Discovery SubCommittee, Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, Member 2017 – present.

Across County Lines SubCommitee, Professionalism Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2019 – present.

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