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Avery S. Chapman has been an attorney for over 34 years, practicing internationally and nationally in the areas of complex business tort trials and litigation and equine law. In that practice, Avery has developed significant and extensive first chair trial experience. Through Mr. Chapman's Equine Law Group practice, Avery has appeared before international and national governing body tribunals, federal and state courts. That 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. 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, the United States Center for Safe Sport (SafeSport). the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), Equestrian Cananda (EC), the United States Polo Association (USPA), the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and other equine sport governing organizations.

In 2020, Mr. Chapman and his Equine Law Group practice received the *National Law Journal Legal Trailblazers Award for an Elite Boutique*. Also in 2020, Mr. Chapman was designated a *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[1], 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 as a two-term Chair of The Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence Committee of The Business Law Section, and is the founding and inaugural Chair of the Florida Bar Equine Law Committee, which covers a cross-disciplinary area of law, and is a member of

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[1] ABA MILITARY PRO BONO PROJECT Mr. Chapman currently provides, pro bono help to our service members through the American Bar Association's Military Pro Bono Project, a nationwide program that connects service members in need of pro bono legal help with volunteer attorneys.

other Florida Bar Business Law Section committees.

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 legal and ethical issues related to the equine industry, and has served as an expert witness regarding Equine Law. He speaks at seminars and publishes law articles and chapters frequently, serves on various Bar and equine committees.

Professional Committee Involvement.

Co-Chair, Business Litigation Continuing Legal Education,
Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2025- present.

Co-Chair and Speaker, Business Litigation Session, 2026 Bench-Bar Conference,
Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2025 - present.

Member, Proposal for Settlement Work Group,
Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 2025 - present

Vice-Chair, Rules of Court Committee,
Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 2025 - present.

Chair, Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence Committee,
Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 2021 – 2024; *Member* 2017 – present.
Chaired, organized and presented four - 4 hour CLE seminar, collaborated with Rules Committee on revisions to Rule 1.280 regarding ESI and proportionality; co-drafter of ESI Guidelines for use by Circuit and County Courts.

Member, Computer Law and Technology Committee,
Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, 2024 - present.

Founding Chair, Equine Law Committee of Animal Law Section, The Florida Bar, *2012.*

Past Chair, Bridging County Lines Sub-Committee, Professionalism Committee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2019 – present.

Chair, Standing Discovery Order Subcommittee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2024 – present.

Co-Chair, *Business Litigation Continuing Legal Education Committee,* Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2025 – 2026.

Second Vice-Chair, Rules of Court Committee, Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, 2025-2026.

Work Group for Comment to Supreme Court on Revision to Rule 1.280 of Civil Procedure, Rules Committee, Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, 2023 – 2024.
Successfully advocated to the Supreme Court to adopt Fed.R.Civ.Pro. 26 proportionality into the new Amendments to Fl.R..Civ.Pro 1.280.

ESI Protocol Task Force Rules Committee with the eDiscovery Committee,
Developing ESI Discovery Guidelines with ethics considerations,
Member of Task Force and both Committees, 2024-2025.

Study Group, Proposals for Settlement and Offers of Judgment,
Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, Member 2025 – present.

Civil Practice Committee, Palm Beach County Bar, Member 2024 – present.

Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Committee, The Florida Bar, Term 2024 – present.

Rules Committee of Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, Member 2022 – present.

Supreme Court Work Group, Business Law Section, The Florida Bar, Member 2023 – present.

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

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

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

Business Litigation Committee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2022 – present.

Circuit Civil Committee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2023 – present.

Business Litigation Continuing Legal Education Committee, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Member 2023 – present.

Presiding Judge, 2023 R. Fred Lewis Florida High School Mock Trial Competition.

Publications and Speaking Engagements.

Speaker, Business Litigation Session, 2026 Bench-Bar Conference,
Palm Beach County Bar Association, March 6, 2026.

Accepting and Rejecting a Horse,
Elite Equestrian, January-February, 2026
https://online.fliphtml5.com/cvue/Elite-Equestrian-Jan-Feb-2026-Issue/#p=66

ESI Protocol and Guidelines,
Co-Author for the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, developed collaboratively by the Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence Committee (past Chair) and the Rules of Court Committee (member), June 30, 2025
https://flabizlaw.org/news/new-bls-approved-esi-protocol-and-guidelines-now-available/

https://flabizlaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/BLS-Proposed-Civil-Case-Guidelines-re-ESI-Discovery-6.20.25-EDDEC-and-Rules-C-final-as-revised.pdf

Let's Start Talking: New Conferral Requirements for Florida State Motion Practice,
Palm Beach County Bar Bulletin, June 2025
https://viewer.joomag.com/june-2025-bar-bulletin-june-2025/0129136001748874889/p18?short=
and see:
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/avery-s-chapman-8770a925_lets-start-talking-new-conferral-required-activity-7306344922721210368-nIve/

Corporate Transparency Act Reporting to FINCEN Suspended,
Update, December 5, 2024.
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7270476845945434112/

ESI for Everyone!
Moderator and Presenting Panelist for Seminar Presented at The Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 21, 2024 *(CLE Course # 8435).*
https://www.floridabar.org/about/cmtes/cmtes-cm/cmte-cm120/

Equine Business Entities – Why Should I Care?
March-April, 2024, Elite Equestrian, p. 64.
https://eliteequestrianmagazine.com/

Practical Preservation, Collection and Use of ESI and Digital Evidence During Litigation and Trial,
Moderator and Presenting Panelist for Seminar Presented at The Florida Bar Annual Convention, June 23, 2023 (CLE Course # 7364).
https://flabizlaw.org/news/edde-cle-program-at-annual/

The Utility of Mock Trials: Making the Most of Mock Trials,
Faculty Member Speaker for the National Academy of Continuing Legal Education, January 18, 2023 (SKU: SKL9600).
https://www.nacle.com/CLE/Courses/Making-the-Most-of-Mock-Trials-2205

Ephemeral Electronic Evidence Preservation and Discovery Obligations, and Best Practices, June 24, 2022, The Florida Bar (CLE Course No. 5859), Presenting Speaker.
Historically one of the most well attended and essential CLE programs that is put on by the Bar.
https://member.floridabar.org/CPBase__item?id=a101R00000IOq9YQAT

Warranties In Horse Sales – I promised What?
December 14, 2021, Elite Equestrian.
https://issuu.com/weedy123/docs/elite_equestrian_jan_feb_2022_issue?fr=sZDAxYjQ0NTQyNTU

Faculty Member*, National Academy of Continuing Legal Education.*
Speaker, *The Utility of Mock Trials.* January 18, 2023. 65 minutes.
https://www.nacle.com/Utah/UT-CLE/Courses/The-Utility-of-Mock-Trials-2205/211

Faculty Member, National Academy of Continuing Legal Education.
Speaker, *Horse Sense and Nonsense. Why Equine Law is Not That Simple,* October 27, 2020. 65 minutes.
https://www.nacle.com/CLE/Courses/Horsesense-and-Nonsense-Why-Equine-Law-is-Not-That-Simple-1621

ESI Self-Collection by Clients and the Duty of Attorneys to Supervise.
Side Bar Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2020, pp. 5-6
Published by the Federal Litigation Section of the Federal Bar Association
https://www.fedbar.org/federal-litigation-section/fedlit/sidebar/

Pre-Purchase Examinations. Ethical Dilemmas and Best Practices,
Article Author and Panelist, December 8, 2020 .
2020 66th Annual Convention, American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) (see Convention Proceedings, pp. xvii, and 276-280), found at:
https://aaep.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/Proceedings_66th_%20Annual_Convnetion_2020_updated.pdf

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.
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn.li.activity.6651222852517322752/?commentUrn=urn%3Ali%3Acomment%3A(ugcPost%3A6651222851829456897%2C6651389208017547265)

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

What Every Rider Should Know About Human Doping, Elite Equestrian, March-April 2020. https.//issuu.com/weedy123/docs/ee_march_april_2020_issue/1?e=1101475/76235478

Prepurchase Examinations – Best Practices to Avoid Concerns. Elite Equestrian, Volume 20, Issue 1, January-February 2020. https.//issuu.com/weedy123/docs/elite_equestrian_jan_feb_2020_issue

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=19 76104/57772931*

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/*
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https://openurl.ebsco.com/EPDB%3Agcd%3A9%3A3528025/detailv2?sid=ebsco%3Aocu%3Arecord&id=ebsco%3Agcd%3A132575883&bquery=AU%20Chapman%2C%20Avery%20S.&page=1

Limited Liability Companies:. 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.

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

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

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,* Speaker, The 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).

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)].

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

Common Equine Contracts. What They Are, Pitfalls to Avoid, and Ideas for Effective Drafting, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EPA's Proposed Rule on Lender Liability under CERCLA. No Panacea for the Financial Services Industry, 21 Envtl. L. Rep. News & Analysis 10618 (1991). *https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/elrna21&div=91&id=&page=* and *American Banker* (Vol. 157, Issue 14), January 22, 1992.

Expert Witness, Mediator, and Professional Designations.

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 disclosed by counsel), Texas Circuit Court, 2020.

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

Expert Witness, Allen v. Galligan, Case No. 50-2021-CA-002452-XXXX-MB, 15th Judicial Circuit, In and For Palm Beach County, Florida, 2022.

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

Designated Mediator, First American Bank v. Schneider, et al., Florida Circuit Civil Court case, 2022.

Prosecutor, Florida Supreme Court, Dispute Resolution Center, 2011-2014,
Prosecutor for grievances filed against Florida mediators and applicants.
Investigated, charged, and tried hearings upon such charges.

Recent Professional Recognition.

National Law Journal Legal Trailblazers Award, Elite Boutique Law Practice, 2020.

Daily Business Review Excellence Award Legal Innovator Honoree, 2020.

American Bar Association Outstanding Services Awards, 2016, 2018.
for pro bono service to military families.

Palm Beach Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Award, 2016.
for services to the elderly.

Selected Press and Verdicts.

Fla.. Jury Sides With Polo Star In Fight Over Cloned Horse Deal, May 6, 2024.
https://www.law360.com/articles/1834149

Fla. Judge Says Geneticist Wasn't OK'd To Sell Cloned Horses, August 29, 2023.
https://www.law360.com/articles/1715686

Jury Awards $1M To Medical Co.'s Buyer Over Soured Deal, November 4, 2021.
https://www.law360.com/articles/1437625/jury-awards-1m-to-medical-co-s-buyer-over-soured-deal

Argentinian Polo Star Sues Company Cloning His Horses, December 9, 2020.
https://www.law360.com/articles/1336025

Eastern Professional Management, LLC v. Elizabeth Tringali, et al., June 6, 2017.
file:///C:/Users/Avery%20Chapman/Downloads/502016CA000276XXXXMB_133.pdf

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.

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

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

Member, United States Polo Association, 1992 – present.

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

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

Sporting Organization Membership.

Member, United States Polo Association, 1992 – present.
Competed in over 75 high, medium and low goal polo tournaments;
Served on numerous committees and the Board, detailed above.

Team USA Member, USA Triathlon, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024, 2025.
Representing the United States in Multisport World Championships
in Long Course Triathlon.

Ambassador, USA Triathlon, 2019-2020.

Member, USA Triathlon, member 2002 – present.