

# Carlton Fields Adds Health Care Attorney in Tampa

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Tampa, Fla. – Carlton Fields is pleased to announce that Austin Marshall Eason has joined the firm as an associate in Tampa. He is a member of the firm’s Health Care practice.

The addition of Eason is a nod to the practice’s notable year, following recent rankings in the 2019 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® “Best Law Firms” list for health care law, and the addition of five health care attorneys: [Jonathan “Tre” Dixon](#), former senior vice president of compliance, legal, and risk management at Tampa General Hospital; [Marguerita Brunson Sims](#), former senior corporate counsel at WellCare Health Plans Inc.; [Emil Hirsch](#), former partner at Polsinelli; and associates [Kristen Murphy](#) and [Megan Dhillon](#).

Eason’s practice primarily focuses on litigating medical malpractice, facility/premises liability, and nursing home and assisted living cases. He also has experience negotiating, litigating, and settling contract, construction, and commercial matters, as well as transactional work involving health care providers.

“Austin’s extensive litigation experience adds tremendously to the comprehensive services offered to our clients in the health care industry”, said James J. Kennedy III, chair of Carlton Fields’ Health Care practice. “We are thrilled to have him join us.”

Prior to joining Carlton Fields, Eason practiced at the law firm of Wicker Smith O’Hara McCoy & Ford P.A. Before entering private practice, he was an Assistant State Attorney for the Office of the State Attorney, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Sarasota, Florida.

Eason earned his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and his B.S. in Finance from Florida State University. He is a member of The Florida Bar, the Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court, and the Sarasota County Bar Association, where he serves as the Civil Trial Section Chair.

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