



# Attorney Bio

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## BENJAMINE REID

### Selected Trial Experience

- 2007 – *Menchini v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, et. al.*, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Death of a 47 year old former flight attendant whose estate claimed damage from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke while working in aircraft cabins.
- 2007 – *Jeld-Wen, Inc. v. Nebula Glass International, Inc. et. all. v. Reichhold, Inc.*, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Represented Third Party Defendant in claims involving resin used in hurricane glass in homes and buildings.
- 2006 – *Reyes, et. al v. Juan Evangelista Lopez Grijalba*, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Represented Plaintiffs in a suit brought for compensatory and punitive damages brought under the Alien Tort Statute and the Torture Victim Protection Act against a Colonel in the Honduran army on behalf of victims of torture, abduction and extra-judicial killing by death squads in the early 1980s in Honduras.
- 2006 – *Manzanares v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida. Suit for compensatory and punitive damages for violation of the automatic stay and of the discharge injunction.
- 2005 - *Jones v. Bell Sports, Inc., Conrad Lawrence*, Palm Beach County, Florida. Bicycle helmet product liability action claiming permanent brain damage and disability to 59 year old teacher.
- 2004 - *Jim Moore Insurance Agency, Inc. v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Inc., State Farm Fire & Casualty Company, Inc., State Farm General Insurance Company, Inc., and State Farm Florida Insurance Co., Inc.*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. National class action suit alleging breach of contract, conversion, promissory estoppel, tortious interference, unjust enrichment and declaratory relief seeking a determination of the ownership of flood policies written by all State Farm agents since 1983.
- 2004 – *The Medical Store, Inc. v. AIG Claim Services, Inc, Health Direct, Inc. and DirectDME, Inc.*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Suit seeking compensatory and exemplary damages for breach of Florida's Trade Secret Act and a Confidentiality Contract, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.

- 2003 – Orthopedic Rehab Specialty Clinics, Inc. and Professional Massage Services, Inc. as Assignees for A1-A140 v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, Defendants/Counter-Plaintiffs v. Orthopedic Rehab Specialty Clinics, Inc.; Professional Massage Services, Inc.; Professional Diagnostics of North Florida, Inc.; Paul Shirley, M.D.; Richard Polisner and William Tarbart–U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Suit for unpaid medical claims with counter-claim for fraud, civil theft, unjust enrichment and breach of Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
- 2003 – Allen v. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Death of a 65-year-old smoker claiming damages for cancer, addiction and fraud.
- 2001 – Dourado v. Ford Motor Company, Broward County, Florida. Automotive product liability claim resulting in quadriplegic with ventilator followed months later by death.
- 2001 – Jimenez v. Ford Motor Company, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Automotive product liability claim resulting in permanent vegetative state for 10-year-old girl.
- 1998-2000 – Engle v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., et. al., Miami-Dade County, Florida. Class action brought on behalf of all Florida smokers who are addicted claiming to be injured by the use of cigarettes.
- 1998 – Yarusso v. Bell Sports, Inc., Superior Court, New Castle County, Delaware. 19-year-old male quadriplegic from motor-cross accident involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.
- 1997 – Shea v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc., U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. 14-year-old female with severe facial injuries and scarring resulting from all terrain vehicle collision with barbed wire fence.
- 1997 – Strickland v. TRW Inc., Charlotte County, Florida. Death of 68-year-old female in rollover involving claimed defect in seatbelt design.
- 1997 – Boeldt v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Garland County, Arkansas. Brain injury to 50-year-old male allegedly due to carbon monoxide poisoning in vehicle.
- 1996 – EDS v. Dade International, American Arbitration Association, Contract dispute involving software design, clinical laboratory market and business damages.
- 1996 – Weaver v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Broward County, Florida. 19 year old male quadriplegic involving claimed defect in all terrain vehicle.
- 1996 – Collins v. Bell Helmets, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina. Death of 19-year-old male in motorcycle/car collision involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.

- 1996 – *Aymond v. Bieffe Helmets*, Grayson County, Kentucky. Brain injury to 60-year-old female in motorcycle/car collision involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.
- 1995 – *Jensen v. Pirelli*, Hillsborough County, Florida. Death of both parents of a 5-year-old male resulting from multi-vehicle accident following tire tread separation.
- 1995 – *Brownwood v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. 14-year-old male severely cut by foot peg in all terrain vehicle accident.
- 1995 – *Masterson v. Bell Helmets*, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Death of 15-year-old male in motorcycle/car collision involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.
- 1995 – *Cornell v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, Manatee County, Florida. Death of 20-year-old male from burn injuries suffered in vehicle fire involving claimed defect in electrical system.
- 1994 – *Alvarez v. Sears and Pirelli*, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Multiple injuries to two Plaintiffs (male and female) in vehicle accident resulting from tire tread separation.
- 1994 – *Hopkins v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. 19 year old male paraplegic involving claimed defect in all terrain vehicle.
- 1992 – *Campbell v. Eaton Corporation*, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama. Electrical burn injuries to adult involving claimed defect in motor control center.
- 1990 – *Jones v. Eaton Corporation*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Spinal cord injury of 43-year-old male in fall from a high bay stacker in Miami International Airport hanger.
- 1990 – *Villegas v. Great Dane*, Broward County, Florida. Death of 19-year-old female who drove underneath a trailer.
- 1989 – *Hessen/Allstate v. Jaguar*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Subrogation claim for destruction of home due to fire in automobile involving claimed fuel system defect.
- 1988 – *Better Construction v. Daniel International and Westinghouse*, Miami-Dade, Florida. Construction dispute arising from termination of contractor on Miami People Mover project.
- 1988 – *Perez v. Rover Group*, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Quadriplegia, coma and ultimate death of adult father of one involving claimed defect in automotive steering system.
- 1987 – *Pulido v. Bell Helmets*, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Death of adult involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.

- 1987 – Rivkin v. Arthur Fulmer Helmets, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Death of adult police officer, father of two involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.
- 1986 – Grippen v. Bell Helmets, Hillsborough County, Florida. Permanent brain damage to adult involving claimed defect in motorcycle helmet.
- 1986 – Herrera v. Gulf and Western, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Death of adult General in Columbian army involving claim against owner of sugar plantation abutting intersection.
- 1985 – LaVault v. General Motors Corp., Broward County, Florida. Death of 14 year old involving claimed transmission defect.
- 1984 – Nichols v. General Motors Corp., U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Death of adult father of two when vehicle rolled into canal involving claimed defect in electrical system.
- 1984 – Georgionni v. General Motors Corp., U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Injury to elderly passenger involving claimed unwanted acceleration.
- 1984 – Walden v. General Motors Corp., U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Death of 3 year old pedestrian involving claimed bus defect.