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## Overview

Matt Conigliaro is a board certified appellate specialist who has been recognized as one of Florida's top appellate attorneys. His work involves legal issues in trial and appellate courts across Florida, in federal court, and in other states. He focuses on complex cases, from product liability and other complex tort matters to health care, insurance, and constitutional litigation.

Matt has obtained the reversal of numerous multimillion and even a multibillion-dollar judgment and has successfully defended many judgments and rulings. He also regularly prepares amicus curiae briefs in precedential cases.

Matt has appeared in more than 35 trials to assist trial counsel with legal issues that may be further litigated on appeal. He helps devise strategies that place trial counsel in the best position to win the trial and place the client in the best position to win any appeal that follows.

One of Florida's most frequent speakers on legal matters, Matt is grateful for often being invited by bar, civic, and other organizations to present on myriad topics.

Apart from law, one of Matt's favorite things is running. He loves to run. He has completed more than 60 marathons, including one in each of the 50 states. He has run many of the country's largest marathons, such as Boston, New York, Chicago, Walt Disney World, Marine Corps, and Houston, but his favorite ones have been the smaller races in the heartland. Matt has coached marathon runners for years and has led long-distance relay teams from coast to coast. Sometimes during a trial, or even before big appellate arguments, Matt likes to sneak off for a mind-clearing run.

# Experience

- *Thakkar v. Good Gateway, LLC*, 2022 WL 17071686 (Fla. 5th DCA 2022). Won reversal of \$3.6 million judgment in commercial collection case.
- *Taneja v. First Street & Fifth Avenue, LLC*, 338 So. 3d 362 (Fla. 2d DCA 2022). Won reversal of order permitting appellee to avoid prior appellate decision.
- *Hernandez v. CGI Windows & Doors, Inc.*, 347 So. 3d 113 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022). Won reversal of judgment following defense verdict in commercial case.
- *Crime v. Looney*, 328 So. 3d 1157 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021). Won reversal of \$6 million merits and fees judgments, remanding for a new trial in personal injury case.
- *Llauro v. Linville*, 2021 WL 5767935 (11th Cir. Nov. 6, 2021). Won affirmance of dismissal of civil rights case.
- *Taneja v. First Street & Fifth Avenue LLC*, 310 So. 3d 1275 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021). Won reversal of \$9.8 million judgment in commercial case.
- *Lasswell Found. for Learning & Laughter, Inc. v. Schwartz*, 834 Fed. App'x 493 (11th Cir. 2020). Won reversal of sanctions order dismissing complaint with prejudice.
- *Merle Wood & Assocs. v. Frazer*, 307 So. 3d 773 (Fla. 4th DCA 2020). Won reversal for entry of defense judgment after \$185,000 verdict in yacht broker commission case.
- *Union Carbide Corp. v. Font*, 299 So. 3d 491 (Fla. 3d DCA 2020). Won reversal of \$2.8 million judgment, and \$6.9 million verdict, in products liability case, remanding for a third trial.
- *Universal Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co. v. Loftus*, 276 So. 3d 849 (Fla. 4th DCA 2019). Won affirmance in first impression case involving condominium law.
- *Citizens for Strong Sch., Inc. v. Fla. State Bd. of Educ.*, 262 So. 3d 127 (Fla. 2019). Amicus curiae brief supporting the ultimate result in education litigation.
- *S. Fla. Fair & Palm Beach Cty. Expositions, Inc. v. Joseph*, 256 So. 3d 875 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018). Won reversal in first impression case involving sovereign immunity and fair associations.
- *Bechtel Corp. v. Batchelor*, 250 So. 3d 187 (Fla. 3d DCA 2018). Won reversal for entry of defense judgment after \$21 million verdict in product liability case.
- *Waite v. All Acquisition Corp.*, 901 F.3d 1307 (11th Cir. 2018). Won affirmance of personal jurisdiction dismissal in asbestos case.
- *Graham v. Uphold*, 245 So. 3d 964 (Fla. 1st DCA 2018). Won reversal of order appointing custodian to operate a business.
- *Doe v. Valencia Coll.*, 903 F.3d 1220 (11th Cir. 2018). Won affirmance of summary judgment in First Amendment, due process case regarding educational discipline.
- *Knight v. Chief Judge of Florida's Twelfth Jud. Cir.*, 235 So. 3d 996 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017). Won denial of sheriff's petition challenging chief judge's decisions involving courthouse security.

- *Llano Fin. Grp., LLC v. Kerr*, 230 So. 3d 46 (Fla. 4th DCA 2017). Amicus curiae brief supporting appellee who did not appear to defend trial court ruling, won affirmance.
- *Plaza Tower Realty Grp., LLC v. 300 S. Duval Assocs., LLC*, 223 So. 3d 1079 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017). Amicus curiae brief on operation of commissions, supporting ultimate result.
- *Kelly v. Georgia-Pacific, LLC*, 211 So. 3d 340 (Fla. 4th DCA 2017). Won affirmance in asbestos case involving operation of wrongful death act.
- *Gainesville Woman Care, LLC v. State*, 210 So. 3d 1243 (Fla. 2017). Amicus curiae brief on issues of public importance.
- *Mirzataheri v. FM E. Developers, LLC*, 193 So. 3d 19 (Fla. 3d DCA 2016). Amicus curiae brief on specific performance involving homestead property, supporting ultimate result.
- *Aubin v. Union Carbide Corp.*, 177 So. 3d 489 (Fla. 2015). Cutting-edge product liability case, won restoration of learned intermediary defense for asbestos suppliers.
- *Jax Utils. Mgmt., Inc. v. Hancock Bank*, 164 So. 3d 1266 (Fla. 1st DCA 2015). Won affirmance in first impression case involving construction loan lenders, preemption of common law claims.
- *Plancher v. UCF Athletics Ass'n, Inc.*, 175 So. 3d 724 (Fla. 2015). Won approval of decision reversing \$10 million judgment based on sovereign immunity.
- *Christian v. Dep't of Health*, 161 So. 3d 416 (Fla. 2d DCA 2014). Won reversal of administrative disciplinary order.
- *Gen. Elec. Capital Corp. v. Shattuck*, 132 So. 3d 908 (Fla. 2d DCA 2014). Won reversal of \$1.1 billion judgment in health care matter.
- *UCF Athletics Ass'n, Inc. v. Plancher*, 121 So. 3d 616 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013). Won reversal of attorneys' fees judgment based on interplay of sovereign immunity and settlement proposals.
- *City of Palm Bay v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 114 So. 3d 924 (Fla. 2013). Won approval of decision affirming preemption of municipal ordinance.
- *Raymond James Fin. Servs., Inc. v. Phillips*, 126 So. 3d 186 (Fla. 2013). Amicus brief supporting ultimate result in arbitration case.
- *Health First, Inc. v. Hynes*, 114 So. 3d 995 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012). Won reversal of order finding fraud on court.
- *Rich v. Kaiser Gypsum Co., Inc.*, 103 So. 3d 903 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012). Won affirmance in asbestos case involving former testimony evidence.
- *McKesson Medication Mgmt., LLC v. Slavin*, 75 So. 3d 308 (Fla. 3d DCA 2010). Won reversal of \$6 million judgment in medical malpractice case.
- *Godfrey v. Precision Airmotive Corp.*, 46 So. 3d 1020 (Fla. 5th DCA 2010). Won affirmance of new trial order following \$55 million verdict in product liability case.
- *Odak v. Vitrano*, 45 So. 3d 487 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010). Won reversal of order treating severance pay as marital asset

- *Kristensen-Kepler v. Cooney*, 39 So. 3d 518 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010). Won affirmance of medical malpractice summary judgment.
- *Howell v. Ed Bebb, Inc.*, 35 So. 3d 167 (Fla. 2d DCA 2010). Won reversal of summary judgment in real property case.
- *MasTec, Inc. v. Suncoast Underground, Inc.*, 27 So. 3d 705 (Fla. 3d DCA 2010). Won reversal in construction case.
- *Burgess v. Prince*, 25 So. 3d 705 (Fla. 2d DCA 2010). Won reversal in probate case.
- *Keith v. ManorCare, Inc.*, 218 P.3d 1257 (N.M. Ct. App. 2009). Won reversal of \$55 million judgment in healthcare case.

## Areas of Focus

### Practices

- [Appellate & Trial Support](#)
- [Health Care](#)
- [Litigation and Trials](#)

### Industries

- [Health Care](#)

## Insights

11.16.2021

All Things Reconsidered: Getting It Right the First Time

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06.09.2021

Live Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic: What's Changed?

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02.16.2021

Another Consideration Involving Unpreserved Error

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07.20.2020

Orders Subject to Review

***Florida Appellate Practice***

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04.17.2019

Using Post-Trial Motions to Argue Error for the First Time

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03.01.2019

50 Ways to Leave Your Worries

*Paraclete*

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10.01.2018

Contributor, This Week's Florida Appeals Court Decisions

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10.01.2018

Orders Subject to Review

*Florida Appellate Practice*

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09.17.2018

It Can Be Easy to Fail to Preserve, Or Even to Waive, Jury Instruction Error

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01.26.2017

Pitfalls Of Relying On Evidence Previously Filed “For Any Purpose” When Opposing Summary Judgment

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08.03.2016

Be Wary About A Trial Court's Assurances of Preservation

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03.01.2016

Avoiding Trouble Following In Limine Rulings

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01.01.2014

Orders Subject To Review

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01.01.2014

Berman's Florida Civil Procedure

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01.01.2014

Extraordinary Writs and Remedies

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08.27.2013

New Twists on Florida's 'Topsy Coachman' Doctrine

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01.01.2013

Extraordinary Writs and Remedies

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06.01.2012

Message From The Outgoing Chair: Here's How We All Can Help, And Why We Should

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04.01.2012

Chair's Message: Consider This Your Invitation

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01.01.2012

Orders Subject To Review

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06.01.2011

An Appellate Watershed Moment Awaits

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01.06.2011

Top 10 Florida Appellate Business Decisions of 2010

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01.01.2011

Extraordinary Writs and Remedies

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09.01.2010

Highlights From Appellate Practice Decisions

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12.01.2009

The Continuing Story of Certiorari

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01.01.2009

The Business of Betting or Wagering: A Unifying View of Federal Gaming Law

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02.01.2007

The Strategic Advantage of Having Appellate Support at Trial

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11.01.2006

Thoughts on On-line Access and High Profile Cases

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01.01.2006

Frye and the Admissibility of Scientific Evidence under Florida Law

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06.08.2005

Significant Appellate Decisions - Arbitration Agreements

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01.01.2004

Extraordinary Writs and Remedies

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08.01.2003

Misapplication of Section 48(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a 'Controlling Person' Provision

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12.01.2001

Foreseeability in Patent Law

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11.01.2001

Demanding Reliability From Experts Under Florida Law

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08.01.2001

Challenging the Reliability of Expert Testimony

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06.01.2000

A Law Clerk's View on Appellate Briefs

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01.01.2000

Extraordinary Writs and Remedies

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01.01.1995

Walton v. Alexander: The Fifth Circuit Limits a State's Fourteenth Amendment Duty to Protect to Instances of Involuntary Restraint

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## News

08.18.2022

Nine Carlton Fields Attorneys Named 2023 "Lawyers of the Year"

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05.21.2021

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2021 Guide

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04.23.2020

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2020 Guide

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10.03.2019

Protecting the Courts in a High-Profile Constitutional Battle

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05.03.2019

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in Chambers USA 2019 Guide

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09.05.2018

Carlton Fields' Appellate Win Featured in Daily Business Review and Law360

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07.09.2018

Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"

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06.29.2018

Carlton Fields Ranked Top Firm and Attorneys Named Legal Leaders in Florida Trend Magazine's 2018 "Legal Elite"

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05.04.2018

Carlton Fields Ranks Among Best in 2018 Chambers USA Guide

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08.15.2017

78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America"

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06.23.2017

Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"

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06.21.2017

Carlton Fields Ranked Top Firm and Attorneys Named Legal Leaders in Florida Trend Magazine's 2017 "Legal Elite"

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## Recognition

- Board Certified in Appellate Practice by the Florida Bar
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Chambers USA* (2011–2019, 2021–2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
  - Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation (2012–2024)
  - Tampa "Lawyer of the Year," Appellate Practice (2016, 2023); Bet-the-Company Litigation (2024)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2007–2023)
- Top 50 Tampa Bay Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2020–2021, 2023)
- Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2012, 2020–2021)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2006, 2009, 2011–2012, 2015–2020)
- Most Effective Lawyers Award, *Daily Business Review* (2016)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers
  - Fellow
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- The Federalist Society

- The Florida Bar
  - Appellate Practice Section
    - Chair (2011–2012)
    - Chair-Elect (2010–2011)
    - Vice Chair (2009–2010)
    - Secretary/Treasurer (2007–2009)
    - Treasurer (2006–2007)
    - CLE Committee Chair (2005–2006)
    - Executive Council (2004–2006, 2014–present)
  - Council of Sections
    - Chair (2014–2015)
    - Chair-Elect (2013–2014)
    - Secretary/Treasurer (2012–2013)
- St. Petersburg Bar Association
  - Chair, Appellate Practice Section (2005–2019)
- American Stage Theatre Company
  - Board of Trustees
    - Chair (2013–2015)
    - Vice Chair and Secretary (2011–2013)
    - Secretary (2010–2011)
    - Member (2009–2010, 2015–2018)
- St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
  - Chair (2009–2011); Member (2007–2009), Finance Council
- Tampa Bay Fit Marathon Training Program
  - Head Coach (2008–2020)

## Speaking Engagements

- "Appellate Law 2021 Year In Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section (January 18, 2022)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 14, 2022)
- "Our Appellate Courts: How It's Going - The Unrecorded Version," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tampa, FL (December 15, 2021)

- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 11, 2021)
- "Appellate Law 2020 Year In Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section (January 19, 2021)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 13, 2020)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2019 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section (January 21, 2020)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 17, 2020)
- "Electing the Electoral College," Pinellas County Young Republicans, St. Petersburg, FL (November 12, 2019)
- Faculty, Panel Discussions on Brief Writing, Appellate Ethics, and How to Prepare for Oral Argument, The William A. Van Nortwick Appellate Workshop 2019, Davie, FL (August 7–9, 2019)
- "Working With Appellate Lawyers at the Trial Level," The Art of Objecting: A Trial Lawyer's Guide to Preserving Error for Appeal, The Florida Bar, Tampa, FL (June 5, 2019)
- "A Roundup of Recent Appellate Decisions and a Look Ahead," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tampa, FL (April 17, 2019)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (February 22, 2019)
- "Florida Civil Procedure 2019 Update," Florida Department of Health CLE (February 21, 2019)
- "Constitutional Law," Pinellas County Teachers Law School, Largo, FL (February 18, 2019)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 14, 2019)
- "Courts and the Right to Life," Florida Right to Life, Winter Park, FL (February 2, 2019)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2018 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (January 15, 2019)
- "Federal Appellate Practice in 2019: Trends, Pitfalls, and Hot Topics," Carlton Fields In-House Seminar, Tampa, FL (December 6, 2018)
- "The No-Contempt Zone: Judges and Practitioners Share What Each Wishes the Other Knew," Appellate Judges Education Institute/Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute, Atlanta, GA (November 9, 2018)
- Debating Florida's 2018 Proposed Constitutional Amendments, The Junior League of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL (October 16, 2018)
- Florida's 2018 Proposed Constitutional Amendments, Pinellas County Young Republicans, St. Petersburg, FL (October 9, 2018)
- "Merits Briefs," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 7, 2018)

- "Boring Appellate Stuff That No One Should Care About — Except You," Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tampa, FL (April 18, 2018)
- "Update for Trial and Appellate Lawyers: Decisional, Statutory, and Rules Developments," Carlton Fields In-House CLE (March 1, 2018)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 1, 2018)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 29, 2018)
- "Preserving Issues for Appeal," 2017 Federal Practice Seminar, Federal Bar Association, Tampa, FL (July 13, 2017)
- "Update You on Appellate Cases, Yoda Will," Hot Topics in Appellate Law: Appellate Forces in the New Millennium, The Florida Bar, Orlando, FL (May 4, 2017)
- "Use and Effect of Key Appellate Doctrines," Hidden Essentials of Appellate Practice, The Florida Bar, Tampa, FL (February 10, 2017)
- "2017 Appellate Update," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 9, 2017)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 19, 2017)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2016 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (January 17, 2017)
- "Florida Civil Procedure," Tampa Bay Paralegal Association's Paralegal Training Camp, St. Petersburg, FL (November 11, 2016)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (October 14, 2016)
- "Preserving Issues for Appeal," 2016 Federal Practice Seminar, Federal Bar Association, Tampa, FL (July 7, 2016)
- Forum on Judicial Topics, Pinellas County Young Republicans, St. Petersburg, FL (July 5, 2016)
- "Merits Briefs Panel Discussion," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 9, 2016)
- "A Closer Look at Social Media 2016," Wm. Reece Smith Inn of Court, Tampa, FL (April 26, 2016)
- "10 New Appellate Items We Ought to Know," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 11, 2016)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 4, 2016)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2015 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (January 19, 2016)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 14, 2016)

- "Appellate Practice," Stetson University College of Law, Tampa, FL (October 12, 2015).
- "Issues on Experts: Florida's Significant Change From *Frye* to *Daubert*," Third Annual Appellate Forum for Trial Lawyers, Miami, FL (October 23, 2015)
- "Appellate Brief Writing: The Facts," Successful Appellate Advocacy Workshop, The Florida Bar, Davie, FL (August 5, 2015)
- "Preserving Issues for Appeal," 2015 Federal Practice Seminar, Federal Bar Association Tampa, FL (July 17, 2015)
- "Appellate Practice: Recent Developments in the Second District and Beyond," Hillsborough County Bar Association's Breakfast and CLE with the Second District Court of Appeal, Tampa, FL (March 4, 2015)
- "The Rules of Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Annual Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 26, 2015)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2014 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Annual Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review (January 20, 2015)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2015," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 15, 2015)
- "Bar Sections & Exam Review Courses" The Florida Bar Certification Leadership Conference (September 18, 2014)
- "Conservative Messaging," Pinellas County Young Republicans, Clearwater, FL (July 8, 2014).
- "Merits Briefs Panel Discussion," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 5, 2014)
- "Criminal Cases – What's Appealable and When," The St. Petersburg Bar Association's Annual Beach and Bar Seminar, St. Pete Beach, FL (May 23, 2014)
- "Tips for Effective Oral Argument in the Second District," Practicing Before the Second District Court of Appeal, The Florida Bar, Tampa, FL (May 16, 2014)
- "15 Things I Know Now That I Wish I Knew Then," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (April 1, 2014)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (March 28, 2014)
- "Social Media in Litigation," Carlton Fields In-House Counsel Forum, Orlando, FL (March 8, 2014)
- "Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Annual Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 17, 2014)
- "Oral Argument Tactics," National Association of Attorneys General's Appellate Practice Seminar, Tallahassee, FL (January 28, 2014)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2013 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (January 21, 2014)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2014," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 16, 2014)



- "Presentation & Persuasion Skills," TAG Academy, St. Petersburg, FL (November 15, 2013)
- "An Appellate Perspective on the New *Daubert* Standard of Admissibility," St. Petersburg Bar Association's *Daubert* Seminar: The Change in Admitting Expert Testimony (October 22, 2013)
- "Discussion on Ethical Responsibilities," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 6, 2013)
- "Civil Case Law Update," Hot Topics in Appellate Practice, The Florida Bar, Jacksonville, FL (May 17, 2013)
- "Professionalism in Appellate Practice," Practicing Before the Fifth District Court of Appeal, The Florida Bar, Lake Mary, FL (April 5, 2013)
- "How Not to Handle an Appeal," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (March 28, 2013)
- "2012: The Year in Appellate Review, Key Decisions and Developments in Appellate Practice," Hillsborough County Bar Association's Breakfast and CLE with the Second District Court of Appeal, Tampa, FL (March 6, 2013)
- Panel Discussion on Motion Practice in the Eleventh Circuit, Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute, Miami, FL (February 7–8, 2013)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2012 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (January 22, 2013)
- "Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Update & Board Certification Review (January 17, 2013)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2013," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (January 17, 2013)
- "Presentation & Persuasion Skills," TAG Academy, St. Petersburg, FL (November 9, 2012)
- "Impact of Bankruptcy on a Pending Appeal," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (September 18, 2012)
- "Panel on Oral Argument and Ethics," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 7, 2012)
- "Famous Florida Trials," Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, FL (March 21, 2012)
- "Recent Developments You Need to Know," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 23, 2012)
- "Appellate Law Update: 2011 Year in Review," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (February 21, 2012)
- "The Art of Making Objections at Trial," St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 15, 2012)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2012," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 2, 2012)

- "Civil Procedure," The Florida Bar Civil Trial Certification Review Course, Orlando, FL (January 26, 2012)
- "Presentation & Persuasion Skills," TAG Academy, St. Petersburg, FL (November 11, 2011).
- "Panel on Oral Argument," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 9, 2011)
- "Practice in the Second District Court of Appeal: An In-Depth Look," The Florida Bar, Tampa, FL (May 20, 2011)
- "Can Corporate America Catch Up to the Social Media Frenzy, and Should It?," Product Liability Advisory Council, Coral Gables, FL (April 28, 2011)
- "Topics in Appellate Law and Policy," Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, FL (March 16, 2011)
- "The Future of Appellate Law," DRI Appellate Advocacy Seminar, Orlando, FL (March 11, 2011)
- "Civil Case Law Update," Hot Topics in Appellate Practice, The Florida Bar, Jacksonville, FL (March 4, 2011)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2010," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Miami, FL (February 4, 2011)
- "Presentation & Persuasion Skills," TAG Academy, St. Petersburg, FL (November 12, 2010)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (October 8, 2010)
- "Amicus Briefs" and "Briefs in Support of and in Opposition to Requests for Discretionary Review," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 10, 2010)
- "Famous Florida Trials," Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, FL (March 24, 2010)
- "Important Lessons for Practitioners to Learn," Practicing Before the Fifth District Court of Appeal, The Florida Bar, Altamonte Springs, FL (March 5, 2010)
- "Nuts & Bolts of Practice in the Second District," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (March 4, 2010)
- "Significant Recent Appellate Practice Decisions," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 4, 2010)
- "Presentation & Persuasion Skills for Attorneys," TAG Academy, St. Petersburg, FL (November 13, 2009)
- "The Internet and Jurors: Modern Problems for Trial Counsel," Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Miami, FL (August 7, 2009)
- "How to Perform Statutory Research," Carlton Fields In-House Seminar, Tampa, FL (July 10, 2009)
- "Briefs in Support of and in Opposition to Requests for Discretionary Review," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 4, 2009)
- "Using Social Networking and Web 2.0 Internet Sites for Research and Jury Selection," Florida Liability Claims Conference, Orlando, FL (May 28, 2009)



- "Appellate Review of Non-Final Orders," Hillsborough County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section Seminar, Tampa, FL (May 1, 2009)
- Professionalism Discussion, The Florida Bar's Practicing With Professionalism, St. Petersburg, FL (February 28, 2009)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2009," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Fort Lauderdale, FL (February 13, 2009)
- "Practice in the Second District Court of Appeal: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers," St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 12, 2009)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (November 13, 2008)
- Panel Discussion on Motion Practice in the Eleventh Circuit, Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute, Atlanta, GA (October 24, 2008)
- "Briefs in Support of and in Opposition to Requests for Discretionary Review," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 12, 2008)
- "Florida Appellate Practitioners' Online Resource Guide 2008" The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (May 20, 2008)
- "Appellate Practice," Topics in Appellate Law and Policy, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL (March 19, 2008)
- "How to Help Your Trial Counsel Win at Trial While Protecting the Record for Appeal," AIG Healthcare Seminar, Jersey City, NJ (March 14, 2008)
- "Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers," St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 13, 2008)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2008," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 1, 2008)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (October 5, 2007)
- "Briefs in Support of and in Opposition to Requests for Discretionary Review," Practicing Before the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, FL (June 8, 2007)
- "Top 10 Legal Websites You Never Knew About," Florida Liability Claims Conference, Orlando, FL (June 1, 2007)
- "Florida Appellate Practitioners' Online Resource Guide 2007," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (March 20, 2007)
- "The Separation of Powers Doctrine Under Florida's Constitution," Florida Constitutional Law, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL (March 12, 2007)
- "Extraordinary Writs" and "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2007," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Miami Lakes, FL (February 23, 2007)
- "Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers," St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (February 15, 2007)

- "Internet Legal Resources" and "The Role of Appellate Courts," The Florida Bar Reporters' Workshop, Tallahassee, FL (November 30–December 1, 2006)
- "What Orders Are Appealable?," Appellate Practice for the General Practitioner in Florida, Lorman Educational Services, Tampa, FL (November 15, 2006)
- "Civil Case Law Update," Hot Topics in Appellate Practice, The Florida Bar, Orlando, FL (November 3, 2006)
- "Motion Practice in the Eleventh Circuit," Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute, Atlanta, GA (October 26, 2006)
- "What's Appealable?," The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice, Tampa, FL (September 8, 2006)
- "Florida Case Law Update," Florida Defense Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, Duck Key, FL (August 4, 2006)
- "Integrating Technology, Quality of Life, Professionalism, and Board Certification," The Florida Bar's Polish Your Practice Seminar, Boca Raton, FL (June 21, 2006)
- "Decisions We Can't Wait to See," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (May 16, 2006)
- "Family Law Appeals" and "Should You Appeal?," Practice in the Second District: A Seminar for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, St. Petersburg Bar Association, St. Petersburg, FL (April 12, 2006)
- "The Separation of Powers Doctrine Under Florida's Constitution," Florida Constitutional Law, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL (April 5, 2006)
- "Recent Developments in Florida Law 2006," The Florida Bar Advanced Appellate Practice and Certification Review, Tampa, FL (February 3, 2006)
- "Internet Legal Resources" and "The Role of Appellate Courts," The Florida Bar Reporters' Workshop, Tallahassee, FL (December 8, 2005)
- "The Media and High-Profile Cases," Hillsborough County Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section Seminar, Tampa, FL (May 20, 2005)
- "Florida's Economic Loss Rule: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask," The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section CLE (May 17, 2005)
- "How Florida's Court System Handled the Terri Schiavo Saga," Capital Tiger Bay Club, Tallahassee, FL (April 15, 2005)
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- "Internet Legal Resources," The Florida Bar Reporters' Workshop, Tallahassee, FL (December 2, 2004)

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- *Wright v. State*, 911 So. 2d 81 (Fla. 2005).
- *State v. Green*, 887 So. 2d 1089 (Fla. 2004).

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### Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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- Hon. Jacqueline R. Griffin, Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal