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Overview

Scott Richards has substantial experience handling matters involving business and commercial litigation; construction litigation; creditors' rights, securitization, and consumer protection; insurance coverage disputes; bankruptcy; and class actions. He also has experience representing hospitals and insurers in health care (litigation, compliance, and transactional) matters.

Scott advises clients regarding compliance with state and federal statutes in these legal areas. His consumer protection practice includes a strong working knowledge of statutes such as the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA). With his civil engineering background and licensure, Scott is able to communicate effectively with construction industry and design professionals alike.

He also has experience in admiralty and maritime matters, including vessel arrests, attachment proceedings, vessel auctions, maritime liens and ship mortgages, salvage claims, limitation of liability proceedings, defense of personal injury and wrongful death claims, USCG investigations, and drafting and review of charter parties.

Experience

Banking Litigation

- *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Campbell*, No. 28-2014-CA-000343 (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2014). Represented bank in escalated foreclosure action.
- *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Ramos*, No. 2012-CA-02276 (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2012). Represented bank in escalated residential foreclosure action.

All News

03.01.2021 Four Carlton Fields Attorneys Elected to Shareholder

07.09.2018 Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction (2021–2022)
- Florida Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2013–2019)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
- The Florida Bar
- Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter
- Maritime Law Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., 2009)
- University of South Florida (B.S., 2006)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

- 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

Background

- Associate Attorney, Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C., Tampa, FL (2009–2018)
- Patent Searcher, Washington Patent Services, Pasadena, FL (2009)
- Staff Geotechnical Engineer, Tierra Inc., Tampa, FL (2005–2008)

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Litigation and Trials
- Real Property Litigation
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act

INDUSTRIES

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance

