



# CORY J. PERSON

Shareholder

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## PRACTICE FOCUS

Personal Injury  
Industrial/Commercial Products  
Employment Law  
Noncompete Litigation  
Litigation

## EDUCATION

Methodist University, 2002,  
*magna cum laude*; Pi Sigma  
Alpha National Political  
Science Honor Society

University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill, J.D., 2006

- President, UNC Trial Law Academy and Trial Team
- Gressman-Pollitt Award for Exemplary Skill in Appellate Advocacy
- Managing Editor, UNC First Amendment Law Review

## BAR ADMISSIONS

The Florida Bar  
Hillsborough County Bar Association

## Cory Person is a “big picture” thinker, providing thoughtful, creative and practical insights for clients.

Cory's practice is primarily focused on the defense of products liability, premises liability, negligent security, general negligence and complex tort claims. He also has experience representing employers in litigation arising out of discrimination, harassment and restrictive covenant agreements.

Cory is passionate about diversity and inclusion within the legal industry and serves as the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Shareholder. He is a two-term past president of the George Edgecomb Bar Association (GEBA) and is a former member of the Florida Bar's Standing Committee for Diversity and Inclusion.

Outside the office, Cory enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, reading non-fiction works, watching New York Giants football, and CrossFit.

## HONORS

- Delano S. Stewart Diversity Award
- Florida Super Lawyers (2016-2017)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2018)
- George Edgecomb Bar Association President's Award
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2022)

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### COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts

S. District Court, Middle District  
of Florida

S. District Court, Northern  
District of Florida

### EXPERIENCE

- Representing a national heavy construction equipment lessor in catastrophic injury and wrongful death actions
- Representing national retailers in multiple premises liability actions
- Representing multi-unit condominium and apartment complex owners against negligent security claims

### COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- City of Tampa's Economic Advisory Team (2020)
- Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation: Board Member
- Bay Area Legal Services Development Council
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: President (2021-2022)
- George Edgecomb Bar Association: Past President (2012-2014)
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida Bar Standing Committee on Diversity & Inclusion
- Florida Bar Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, Inc.
- City of Tampa Civil Service Board

### MILITARY SERVICE

- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal

### NEWS & INSIGHTS

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers  
in America 2022 Publication  
Firm News, 8.19.21

Cory J. Person Named Diversity & Inclusion Shareholder  
Firm News, 10.30.20

Cory Person Appointed to the City of Tampa's Economic Advisory Team  
Firm News, 8.6.20

## **CORY J. PERSON**

Cory J. Person Selected to Join the international Association of Defense Counsel

Firm News, 2.28.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Sworn in to Hillsborough County Bar Association Leadership Roles

Firm News, 6.10.19

Cory J. Person Joins Hill Ward Henderson

Firm News, 5.14.19

### **ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS**

Cory Person Featured in Tampa Bay Times

"Tampa lawyer forges his own path, 'trying to impact change where you can'"

(October 21, 2021)