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PRACTICE FOCUS

Healthcare Litigation
Medical Malpractice
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Healthcare
Hospital Liability
Long Term Care/Nursing Home
Professional Liability
Personal Injury
Drug & Medical Device
Healthcare Litigation & Administrative Proceedings
COVID-19 Response Team
Litigation
Mediation

EDUCATION

Florida State University, B.S., 1975
Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 1978

Howard Hunter heads the Healthcare Litigation Team. His practice emphasizes the defense of medical negligence cases as well as legal professional liability, sexual abuse and drug and medical device litigation.

Since beginning practice in 1979, he has handled the defense of hundreds of medical negligence matters all over Florida representing physicians, hospitals, allied health personnel, and insurers at both the trial and appellate levels. His experience includes the defense of virtually every type of case that involves medical or scientific issues.

Howard is a past president of the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates (FLABOTA), as well as of the Tampa Bay Chapter of ABOTA. He continues to serve on the Executive Committee of both Tampa Bay ABOTA and FLABOTA, as he has for several years, and co-chairs FLABOTA's committee to preserve Florida's courts. He is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and affiliated with the Defense Research Institute, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, and the Florida Association of Hospital Attorneys. He has chaired both a Florida Bar Grievance Committee and the Judicial Nominating Commission for Florida's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. He has experience as an analyst and staffer for the Florida Legislature. Howard is a certified circuit court mediator and a member of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators.

Howard was honored with the 2018 FLABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year award.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
Florida Supreme Court
U. S. Supreme Court

Howard and his wife, Sharon, a practicing veterinarian, have five children, ages 24 through 39. He is an Eagle Scout, and has served as a Cub Scout Packmaster, Scout Troop Committee Chair, Philmont Crew Guide and Chair of Timucua District, Gulf Ridge Council, B.S.A. He continues to serve on the Gulf Ridge Council Board of Directors. He has also served on the Board of Florida State University Seminole Boosters and the Florida State University Alumni Association.

In his leisure time, Howard is an avid but underutilized scuba diver, shot gunner, bird hunter, and boater. His career as an underrated youth football coach ended several years ago.

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Certified Circuit Mediator, State of Florida
- FLABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year (2018)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2006-2022)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2016)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2007-2023)
 - 2019 Tampa Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants Lawyer of the Year

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - National Board of Directors
 - Tampa Bay Chapter
 - Executive Committee
 - Past President
 - Previously served as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer
- Judicial Nominating Committee, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit: Chair
- Florida Chapters American Board of Trial Advocates
 - Executive Committee
 - Past President
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee: Past Chair
- Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc.

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NEWS & INSIGHTS

Eighty-One Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Publication
Firm News, 8.18.22

61 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 7.1.22

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

58 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.23.21

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication
Firm News, 8.20.20

Fifty Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.5.20

2019 Best Lawyers Cites 46 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Six "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.16.18

C. Howard Hunter Named 2018 Trial Lawyer Of The Year By The Florida Chapters American Board Of Trial Advocates
Firm News, 7.26.18

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2018 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.25.18

2018 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Five "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.17

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2017 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.8.17

2017 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Two "Lawyers Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.16

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Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2016 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.15.16

2016 Best Lawyers Cites 40 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Five "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.17.15

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2015 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.11.15

2014 Best Lawyers Cites 42 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Three "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.30.13

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Welcomes Members to the 16th
Annual Florida Chapters American Board of Trial Advocates
Firm News, 8.19.13

Best Lawyers In America
Firm News, 7.31.12

HWH Shareholder Named President Of Florida Chapters American
Board Of Trial Advocates
Firm News, 7.11.12

Florida Trend Names HWH Attorneys To Hall Of Fame, Legal Elite And
Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.6.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2012 Super Lawyers
Business Edition
Firm News, 3.28.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2012 Florida Super Lawyers
And Rising Stars
Firm News, 3.20.12

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Hunter Elected To The Federation Of
Defense And Corporate Counsel
Firm News, 3.13.12

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- Metz v. Wyeth LLC
--- F.Supp.2d ---- 2012 WL 1058870 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. March 28,
2012
- Metz v. Wyeth LLC
830 F.Supp.2d 1291 2011 WL 5826005 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP

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United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. November 18, 2011

- Metz v. Wyeth, LLC
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2011 WL 5024448 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. October 20, 2011
- Pablo v. All Children's Hosp., Inc.
63 So.3d 766 (Table, Text in WESTLAW), Unpublished Disposition
2011 WL 2297667 2D10-1255
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. June 10, 2011
- All Children's Hosp., Inc. v. Department of Administrative Hearings
55 So.3d 670 2011 WL 561453 2D02-1638
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. February 18, 2011
- All Children's Hosp., Inc. v. Smith
51 So.3d 1159 (Table, Text in WESTLAW), Unpublished Disposition
2010 WL 5491069 2D10-705
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. December 29, 2010
- Levine v. Wyeth, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 5137424 8:09-CV-854-T-33AEP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. December 10, 2010
- Zboch v. Cohen, Jayson & Foster, P.A.
48 So.3d 850 (Table, Text in WESTLAW), Unpublished Disposition
2010 WL 4558780 2D09-3790
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. November 10, 2010
- Crist v. Ervin
56 So.3d 745 2010 WL 4340822 SC10-1317, SC10-1319
Supreme Court of Florida. November 04, 2010
- Zboch v. Cohen, Jayson & Foster, P.A.
43 So.3d 57 (Table, Text in WESTLAW), Unpublished Disposition
2010 WL 3327964 2D09-2509
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. August 25, 2010
- Levine v. Wyeth Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 2612579 8:09-CV-854-T-33AEP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Divisio. June 25, 2010
- Kiesel v. Isabelle
37 So.3d 860 (Table, Text in WESTLAW), Unpublished Disposition
2010 WL 2299617 2D08-5725
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. June 09, 2010

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- Levine v. Wyeth Inc.
684 F.Supp.2d 1338 2010 WL 456773 809CV854T33AEP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. February 10, 2010
- Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Ass'n v. Department of Administrative Hearings
29 So.3d 992 2010 WL 114510 SC08-1317, SC08-1318, SC08-1319
Supreme Court of Florida. January 14, 2010
- All Children's Hosp., Inc. v. Department of Administrative Hearings
989 So.2d 2 2008 WL 142308 2D02-1638
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. January 16, 2008
- Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Ass'n v. Florida Div. of Administrative Hearings
948 So.2d 705 2007 WL 63639 SC04-227, SC04-666
Supreme Court of Florida. January 11, 2007
- All Children's Hosp., Inc. v. Department of Administrative Hearings
863 So.2d 450 2004 WL 57230 2D02-1638
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. January 14, 2004
- Myklejord v. Morris
766 So.2d 1160 2000 WL 1228028 5D99-3615
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fifth District. August 31, 2000
- Williamson v. Roth
120 F.Supp.2d 1327 2000 WL 1742037 5:98-CIV-299-OC-10
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Ocala Division. August 11, 2000
- Florida Country Clubs, Inc. v. Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A.
98 F.Supp.2d 1356 2000 WL 781041 8:99-CV-1882-T-17C
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. May 23, 2000
- Reed v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America
4 F.Supp.2d 1148 1998 WL 181826 97-853-CIV-T-17E
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. . March 13, 1998
- Richter v. Bagala
647 So.2d 215 1994 WL 454854 94-01017
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. August 24, 1994
- Burke v. Smithkline Bio-Science Laboratories
858 F.Supp. 1181 1994 WL 378677 94-41-CIV-T-17C
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. July 05, 1994

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- Manor Care of Florida, Inc., v. Olt
620 So.2d 1297 1993 WL 210724 92-04640
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. June 18, 1993
- Santelli v. Arean
616 So.2d 1154 1993 WL 114772 92-00785
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. April 14, 1993
- Kim Oanh Thi Ly v. Wilkerson
447 So.2d 257 83-71
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. October 05, 1983
- Ruben v. Kelley
402 So.2d 1165 58120
Supreme Court of Florida. July 09, 1981
- Red Carpet Corp. of Panama City Beach v. Calvert Fire Ins. Co.
393 So.2d 1160 NN-414
District Court of Appeal of Florida, First District. February 10, 1981
- Sanchez v. Mercy Hospital
386 So.2d 42 79-1688
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District. July 22, 1980
- Aldana v. Holub
381 So.2d 231 53227, 53612
Supreme Court of Florida. February 28, 1980