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PRACTICE FOCUS

Litigation
Intellectual Property & Technology
Class Action & Complex Mass Tort
Noncompete Litigation
Products Liability
Professional Liability
Tobacco & Vapor

EDUCATION

Florida State University, B.S., 1994
University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1997, Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar Association
Federal Bar Association

Lara joined Hill Ward Henderson in 1997 and is Of Counsel in the firm's litigation group. She has a broad range of litigation experience in state and federal court and is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit civil mediator.

From 2000 to 2001, Lara served as the first federal law clerk to the Honorable James S. Moody, Jr., upon his appointment to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Lara is a Trustee for the Florida Bar Foundation (2019-2022) and serves on its Executive Board. She also serves as Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (2019-2021).

Lara serves on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Second District Court of Appeal, having been nominated by The Florida Bar and appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis. She served on the JNC from 2011-2015 as an appointee of Governor Rick Scott, acting as Chair from 2014-2015. She is also a former two-term member of The Florida Bar's Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee.

Lara is a former recipient of the James M. "Red" McEwen Award from the Hillsborough County Bar Association. This award is presented to the individual who provided the most outstanding service to the bar and community during the prior year. Lara is also a past recipient of the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Lara is a Fellow in Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary

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COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts
U.S. Supreme Court
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
All Federal Courts in Florida

society. Membership is by invitation and represents less than one-half of 1% of American lawyers.

Lara is a past member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association's Board of Directors, and past president of the Young Lawyers Division. She served as a Trustee for the Hillsborough County Bar Foundation for more than a decade and coordinated the Foundation's approval as program manager for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's residential mortgage foreclosure mediation program. She is also a past member of the Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association's Tampa Chapter.

Lara is also active in the Tampa Bay community. She was a Trustee for the Henry Mitchell Elementary Foundation, Inc., and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Inc. for many years. She is a member of the Federalist Society and the Athena Society.

Lara has been married to her husband, Wesley, for over twenty years. They have three children.

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Florida Super Lawyers (2010-2015)
- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2013)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
 - James M. "Red" McEwen Award (2010)
 - Outstanding Young Lawyer Award (2006)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2015-2017, 2019-2020-2022)

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Hillsborough County Bar Foundation
 - Board of Trustees
 - Law and Liberty Dinner Committee
- Judicial Nominating Commission, Second District Court of Appeal
- Litigation Counsel of America: Fellow
- The Florida Bar
 - Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee

- Annual Convention Committee

NEWS & INSIGHTS

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

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

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

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

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite and Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.1.13

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

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, "Purpose and Personal Mission," Georgetown University, November 2012
- Speaker, "Marketing the Legal Profession," Stetson University, April 2012
- Presenter and Author, "From Chinese Ports to American Courts, and Beyond: An Overview of Chinese Drywall in the United States." (Emily Whelchel, Rocco Cafaro, co-presenters). ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Annual Spring CLE and Leadership Forum, May 2011.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- Direct Mail Holding, LLC v. Bush
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United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. April 18,

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- Medical Sav. Ins. Co. v. HCA, Inc.
186 Fed.Appx. 919 2006 WL 1746934 05-14230
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. June 27, 2006
- Klein & Heuchan, Inc. v. CoStar Realty Information, Inc.
425 Fed.Appx. 833 2011 WL 1659696 10-12201
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. April 28, 2011
- Brandywine Communications Technologies, LLC. v. Audiovox Corp.
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United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. February 17, 2012
- Precision Shooting Equipment, Inc. v. Golden Eagle Industries, LLC
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2005 WL 1669120 8:00-450CIV-T17TGW
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- PharMerica, Inc. v. Eagle Healthcare, Inc.
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United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. December 21, 2011
- Kelly v. Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2003 WL 25778702 8:01-CV-1176-T-27MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. March 25, 2003
- MEDAI, Inc. v. Quantros, Inc.
Slip Copy 2012 WL 2512007 6:12-CV-840-ORL-37
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. June 29, 2012
- Florida Digital Network, Inc. v. Northern Telecom, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2007 WL 604983 6:06CV889 ORL31JGG
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. February 22, 2007
- Brandywine Communications Technologies, LLC v. Audiovox Corp.
Slip Copy 2012 WL 527207 6:11-CV-1367-ORL-36
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. January 24, 2012
- Gulfstream Park Racing Ass'n, Inc. v. Tampa Bay Downs, Inc.
479 F.3d 1310 2007 WL 641973 03-16272
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. March 05, 2007
- Gulfstream Park Racing Ass'n, Inc. v. Tampa Bay Downs, Inc.
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United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. February 09, 2005

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- Anderson v. Smithfield Foods, Inc.
353 F.3d 912 2003 WL 22962176 02-15657, 02-14089
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. December 17, 2003
- White Constr. Co., Inc. v. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2007 WL 7126083 5:05-CV-328-
OC-10GRJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Ocala Division. July 06,
2007
- Pharmerica, Inc. v. Eagle Healthcare, Inc.
Slip Copy 2012 WL 1288964 8:11-CV-2017-T-33EAJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. April 16, 2012
- World Triathlon Corp., Inc. v. SRS Sports Center SDN.BHD
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2005 WL 3445526 804CV1594T24TBM
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. December 14, 2005
- World Triathlon Corp., Inc. v. SRS Sports Center SDN.BHD
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2005 WL 1924749 8:04-CV-1594-T-24TBM
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. August 10, 2005
- Florida Digital Network, Inc. v. Northern Telecom, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2006 WL 2523163 6:06CV889 ORL31JGG
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. August
30, 2006
- Klein & Heuchan, Inc. v. CoStar Realty Information, Inc.
Slip Copy 2011 WL 6097980 8:08-CV-1227-T-30EAJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. December
07, 2011
- O'Neal v. Bank of America, N.A.
Slip Copy 2012 WL 629817 8:11-CV-107-T-17-TGW
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. February
28, 2012
- Direct Mail Holding, LLC v. Bush
Slip Copy 2012 WL 1344823 8:12-CV-145-T-30EAJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. March 08,
2012
- Cardiovascular Care of Sarasota, P.A. v. Cardinal Health, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2009 WL 928321 8:08-CV-1931-T-30TBM
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. April 03, 2009
- Ewinwin, Inc. v. Groupon, Inc.
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23, 2011
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 - *MEDai Inc. v. Quantros, Inc.*
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 - *Medical Sav. Ins. Co. v. HCA, Inc.*
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 - *Klein & Heuchan, Inc. v. Costar Realty Information, Inc.*
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 - *Gulfstream Park Racing Ass'n, Inc. v. Tampa Bay Downs, Inc.*
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 - *Gulfstream Park Racing Ass'n, Inc. v. Tampa Bay Downs, Inc.*
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 - *Kelly v. Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P.*
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 - *Davidco Investors, LLC v. Anchor Glass Container Corp.*
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United States District Court, M.D. Florida. March 06, 2006
 - *White Const. Co., Inc. v. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.*
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