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## PRACTICE FOCUS

Automotive  
Real Estate  
Real Estate Acquisition & Development  
Commercial Leasing  
Property Tax Litigation  
Real Estate Finance  
Corporate & Tax  
General Corporate Advice  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Entity Formation & Tax Structuring  
Automotive Corporate & Tax  
Automotive Real Estate & Finance

## EDUCATION

University of Virginia, B.A., 1981,  
High Distinction: Phi Beta  
Kappa  
Duke University School of Law,  
J.D., 1984, High Honors

- Order of the Coif

Jim Robbins is one of the founding attorneys of Hill Ward Henderson, and serves as the firm's Managing Shareholder and President. Jim's practice primarily involves business and real estate transactions. Jim has experience in a wide range of sophisticated commercial business and real estate matters, including land acquisition and development, mergers and acquisitions, leasing and financing transactions. He also regularly acts as outside general counsel to a variety of clients.

Jim has actively represented automobile dealerships, with a particular emphasis on dealership acquisitions and dispositions, as well as related real property transactions. Jim has represented a NYSE dealership group in the acquisition of a portfolio of 32 dealership properties with a purchase price in excess of \$200 million.

Jim represents a number of significant owners of real estate, as well as national and local development entities in their real estate matters. Jim was the lead attorney on the sale of nearly 30,000 acres of real property located in Central Florida, one of the largest single land transfers in the state. He also completed a sales transaction including more than 7,000 acres of citrus and related agricultural properties. Jim recently completed the sale of an approximate 1,000,000 square foot warehouse facility and has been very active in the acquisition and development of distribution facilities for a major internet retailer.

Jim is active in leadership positions with several of Tampa's civic, charitable and social organizations. In addition to being a member of the Florida Council of 100, Jim has served on or is a member of the Boards of Directors of The Florida Aquarium, The Tampa Bay History

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- Law and Contemporary Problems: Senior Editor

### BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association  
The Florida Bar  
Hillsborough County Bar Association

Center, Jesuit High School, The Academy of the Holy Names, and Positive Coaching Alliance of Tampa Bay. Jim was also a long-time youth baseball coach.

### HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Real Estate (2014-2021)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2006-2021)
  - Top 50: Tampa Bay Super Lawyers List (2021)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2008-2012, 2017)
- Leadership Tampa: Graduate
- Super Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2006-2022)
  - 2019 Tampa Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year
  - 2017 Tampa Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year

### COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Member, The Florida Council of 100
- University of Virginia Jefferson Scholarship Selection Committee: Chair, Tampa Region
- Tampa Bay History Center
  - Past Chair
  - Board of Trustees
- Tampa Bay History Center Foundation: Board of Trustees
- Jesuit High School of Tampa: Board of Trustees; Chair, 2021-2024
- Jesuit High School Foundation: President 2020-2021
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- American Bar Foundation: Life Fellow
- American Bar Association
  - Business Section
  - Real Estate Section
  - Tax Section
- The Florida Bar: Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Executive Council
- Inner City Youth Reading Initiative, John Germany Read to Dream Program: Founding Steering Committee Member

## **NEWS & INSIGHTS**

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

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2021 Chambers Recognition  
Firm News, 5.20.21

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

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2020 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.23.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2019 Recognition  
Firm News, 4.25.19

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

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

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2018  
5.8.18

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

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, And Up & Comers  
Firm News, 6.22.17

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

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2017  
Firm News, 5.26.17

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

Hill Ward Henderson Cited By Chambers USA  
Firm News, 6.13.16

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

Hill Ward Henderson Cited by Chambers USA (2015)  
Firm News, 5.19.15

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

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2013 Best Lawyers  
Business Edition  
Firm News, 7.15.13

Best Lawyers In America  
Firm News, 7.31.12

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

### ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- "Ethics: Stay Up To Date So You Don't Stay Up Late", The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Annual Legislative Update Program, July 2013.
- "Recent Amendments to Article 9 of the UCC." Presenter, The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Annual Legislative Update Program, July 2012.
- "Ethics in an Evolving Real Estate Marketplace." Presenter, The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section Annual Legislative Update Program, July 2011.