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PRACTICE FOCUS

Automotive
Products Liability
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Construction & Design
Litigation
Personal Injury
Consumer Products Liability
Litigation
Intellectual Property &
Technology
Medical Malpractice
Noncompete Litigation
Cybersecurity, Data Breach &
Protection
ADA Accessibility

EDUCATION

Stetson University, B.A., 1987:
Lambda Chi Alpha
Stetson University College of
Law, J.D., 2000, Honors

Bill Judge is co-chair of the firm's Cybersecurity, Data Breach and Protection Practice Group. His practice primarily involves products liability, commercial disagreements, automotive and general liability, construction disputes, medical malpractice, cybersecurity, and intellectual property. He has represented a variety of Fortune 500 clients in litigation involving medical devices, air bags, seatbelts, automotive brake systems, consumer products/appliances, pharmaceuticals, restraint of trade/non-compete agreements, contract disputes, premises liability, complex multi-unit construction projects, and intellectual property. In addition to statewide representation of clients, Bill also handled several litigation matters in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Active in the community, Bill has served as a marketing board member for Tampa's Lifepath Hospice, has performed volunteer work for Pinellas Association for Retarded Children and has served as a member of the construction committee for Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County. Outside of the office, he enjoys exercising, bicycling, reading, and spending time with his twin daughters.

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (2018-2023)

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- The Florida Medical Manufacturers' Consortium, Inc.: Board of Directors

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- Phi Delta Phi
- Student Bar Association:
Vice President

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

The Florida Bar

Hillsborough County Bar
Association

Federal Bar Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts

United States District Court,
Middle District of Florida

United States District Court,
Southern District of Florida

United States District Court,
Northern District of Florida

Eleventh Circuit Court of
Appeals

- Florida Defense Lawyers Association - Products Liability Committee
Co-Chair
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- The Florida Bar: Construction Litigation Section
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Construction Litigation
Section
- Defense Research Institute: Products Liability Section
- Federal Bar Association: Litigation Section
- American Bar Association: Litigation Section
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Medical Device Warnings for Home Use Devices, Medmarc/Hill Ward
Henderson Webinar, May 7, 2021 (co-presenter Nicole Walsh)

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

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

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

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame,
Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.22.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Receive Awards at the Hillsborough
County Bar Association's 17th Annual Judicial Food Festival & 12th
Annual 5K Pro Bono Run
Firm News, 3.11.20

Attorney Tori C. Simmons Receives 2019 Florida Bar Young Lawyers
Division Pro Bono Service Award
Firm News, 12.18.18

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

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Hill Ward Henderson Launches ADA Accessibility Practice Group
Firm News, 6.28.18

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

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Joins International Association Of
Defense Counsel
Firm News, 9.27.16

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Reelected To Board Of Directors
Firm News, 6.23.16

Hill Ward Henderson Attorney Invited to Join the Claims and Litigation
Management Alliance
Firm News, 6.18.13

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- "Products Liability Law in Florida." Presenter, 2012 Florida Defense Lawyers Association Annual Liability Claims Conference, June 8, 2012.
- "Navigating the Hazardous Waters of Proposals for Settlement." Presenter, 2011 Florida Defense Lawyers Annual Meeting, August 6, 2011.
- The Effect of Recent U. S. Supreme Court Decisions on State Law Claims Brought Against Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Manufacturers. (July 2011). *Florida Medical Manufacturers' Consortium*.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- O'Donnell v. W.F. Taylor Co., Inc.
-- So. 3d --, 2020 WL 1283680, 4D18-3772
Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal, March 18, 2020
- Baxter v. Adam
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2011 WL 2149603 4:09-CV-74-SPM-WCS
United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Tallahassee Division. June 01, 2011
- Baxter v. Adam
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2011 WL 2174044 4:09CV74-SPM/WCS
United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Tallahassee Division. May 03, 2011
- Baxter v. Adam
750 F.Supp.2d 1313 2010 WL 3835457 4:09-CV-74-SPM-WCS

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- United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Tallahassee Division.
September 29, 2010
- McKinney v. Varrone
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 4983600 3:10-CV-500-J-34TEM
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Jacksonville Division.
December 02, 2010
 - Baxter v. Adam
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 3835545 4:09CV74-SPM/WCS
United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Tallahassee Division. May
25, 2010
 - Baxter v. Adam
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 3835538 4:09CV74-SPM/WCS
United States District Court, N.D. Florida, Tallahassee Division. May
10, 2010
 - Jozwiak v. Stryker Corp.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 743834 6:09CV1985ORL19GJK
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. February
26, 2010
 - Jozwiak v. Stryker Corp.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2010 WL 147143 609-CV-1985-ORL19GJK
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. January
11, 2010
 - Defouw v. Candlea Laser Corp.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2009 WL 1684444 8:09CV00480T17-EAJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. June 16,
2009
 - Rolex Watch U.S.A., Inc. v. Bonney
546 F.Supp.2d 1304 2008 WL 596854 805-CV-1715-T-27MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. February
29, 2008
 - Noetic Specialty Ins. Co. v. Lifecore Biomedical, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2007 WL 1362824 9:06-81001-CIV
United States District Court, S.D. Florida. May 09, 2007
 - Vincent v. C.R. Bard, Inc.
944 So.2d 1083 2006 WL 3299666 2D05-1870
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District. November 15,
2006
 - Houser v. Medtronic USA, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2006 WL 2054323 6:06CV597 ORL19DAB
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Orlando Division. July 21,
2006

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- Sparks Installation Services, Inc.
Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2005 WL 2088427 805CV51T24MSS
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. August 30, 2005
- Skinner v. Railway Labor Executives' Ass'n
489 U.S. 602 109 S.Ct. 1402 87-1555
Supreme Court of the United States March 21, 1989