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Services

Securities Litigation, Arbitration & Mediation, Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Director & Officer Liability, Broker-Dealer Disputes, Intellectual Property, Employment Litigation, Non-Compete & Trade Secrets,

Bill is Managing Partner of the firm's Tampa office and a board-certified specialist in the area of business litigation. His practice focuses on a variety of litigation and trial practice, including securities litigation and arbitration, professional malpractice litigation, employment litigation, and intellectual property litigation.

Bill recently completed serving as President of The Florida Bar for the 2016-2017 term. He is also on the Board of Trustees for the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Bill was chosen by Senate President, Joe Negron, to serve on the Florida Constitution Revision Commission as one of 37 Commissioners studying, researching and possibly making recommendations for revising Florida's Constitution.

Bill previously served eight years as a member of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, serving as its Chairman, and having been appointed by both Governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist.

Bill is a frequent speaker and lecturer on a number of litigation and trial topics, including deposition strategies and techniques, expert witness procedures and discovery, and trial issues in Florida.

After law school, Bill worked for the firm Taub & Williams, P.A., subsequently establishing Williams, Schifino, Mangione & Steady, P.A. in 1991, where he was a founding Shareholder, President, and then Managing Director before the firm combined with Burr & Forman in 2012.

In addition to his law practice, Bill serves on the Board of Directors for Quantum Capital Partners, a Tampa based venture capital firm.

Education

J.D., University of Florida College of Law, (1985)

B.A., Tulane University, (1982)

Licensed In

Florida

Honors & Awards

- Hillsborough County Bar Association Outstanding Lawyer
- *Chambers USA*, Leading Practitioner in Litigation: General Commercial (2016-2018)
- *Florida Trend* "Legal Elite," Commercial Litigation (2006-2010, 2013, 2015, 2016), Business Law (2016, 2018)
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Securities Litigation (2006-2018)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Securities (2008-2017)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation-Securities, Tampa, Florida (2014, 2016)
- Martindale-Hubbell™ AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer

Professional Associations

Florida Constitution Revision Commission (2017-2018)

Florida Bar, President (2016-2017)

American Bar Association

Florida Bar, Board of Governors, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (2008-2018)

Florida Bar, Trial Lawyer Section, Business Law Section, Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section

Florida Bar Foundation, Fellow

Florida Justice Association, Fellow

Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, President (2014-2015)

Hillsborough County Bar Association, President (2004-2005)

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Board of Trustees

Community Involvement

Florida Guardian Ad Litem Association

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Tampa

Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Inc., Director of Corporate Board

Tampa Bay Little League, Inc., Coach, President, and Director

Experience

- Represented the defendants, including a publicly traded company, in a Federal jury trial brought by the SEC alleging multiple securities law violations in which the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants on all counts.
- Successfully represented a California based law firm in a claim for securities law violations in connection with its work in preparing a Private Placement Memorandum and obtained a defense verdict and recovered attorney's fees and costs on behalf of the defendants.
- Lead counsel in defending a large state-wide law firm in a legal malpractice claim under the Interstate Land Sales Disclosure Act for claimed damages in excess of \$60,000,000.00. After

approximately two (2) years of litigation, the case was successfully settled.

- Successfully represented the defendant, a public company, in the defense of a claim for breach of employment agreement, director/officer conflict of interest, negligence and fraud and obtained a jury verdict in its favor on all counts and ultimately obtained a jury verdict on a counter-claim for civil theft/embezzlement.

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