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# About Boyd & Jenerette, P.A.

Boyd & Jenerette, P.A. is a civil litigation law firm with offices in Florida and Georgia. The Firm's practice areas include civil matters involving insurance defense, construction defect claims, workers' compensation, Longshore and Defense Base Act claims, Admiralty and Jones Act claims, transportation and trucking, commercial law, business litigation, professional liability, coverage and bad faith and mass torts. The Firm is also experienced in handling civil appeals in state and federal courts, and offers alternative dispute resolution techniques such as arbitration or mediation.

The Firm maintains a commitment to excellence in advocacy when pursuing client's goals through pre-suit resolution, mediation, arbitration or trial. Our team of experienced attorneys works to help insurance carriers, their insureds, self-insured entities and others manage risk and reduce exposure through training, counsel and an aggressive, cost effective defense litigation strategy.

Boyd & Jenerette, P.A. strives to build long-term client relationships through outstanding service, which is reflected in part through attorney credentials and peer recognition. Eight of the Firm's attorneys are Board Certified by The Florida Bar, including one in the area of Civil Trial, one in Appellate Law, three in Construction Law, and three in Workers' Compensation.

The Firm is AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and 12 of the Firm's attorneys are also AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rated at an individual level.

Boyd & Jenerette, P.A. is recognized in the 2016 "Best Law Firms" list by *U.S. News & World Report* and Best Lawyers® in the following areas: Tier 1, Jacksonville, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Tier 2, Jacksonville, Insurance Law. The Firm is honored to have been recognized in Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" rankings for six consecutive years (2011 – 2016).

Boyd & Jenerette, P.A. was founded by Charles T. Boyd, Jr. and Noah H. Jenerette, Jr. in 1952. It maintains offices in Jacksonville, Coconut Creek and Orlando, Florida, and Savannah, Georgia. Details online at <a href="http://www.boydjen.com">http://www.boydjen.com</a>.









# **About the Mass Tort and Product Liability Practice Group**

Boyd & Jenerette's Mass Tort and Product Liability practice group is experienced in complex litigation ranging from asbestos claims to pharmaceutical litigation. Headed by Billie Jo Taylor and Kristen Van der Linde, the group defends cases involving hazardous product materials, defective drugs and other defective products on a local and nationwide scale.

With decades of experience representing major industrial clients, the Mass Tort and Product Liability practice group provides case management, strategic analysis, and trial assistance in state, federal and appellate courts throughout Florida. The firm strives for early case resolution whenever feasible.

The Mass Tort and Product Liability practice group expands across personal lines, commercial lines, workers' compensation, longshore and admiralty defense. Additionally, the Mass Tort practice group is experienced in handling various products liability matters involving industrial products such as roofing adhesives, joint compounds, and heavy equipment. All areas focus on the defense of personal injury claims, causation, and damages.

The firm's Mass Tort and Product Liability practice group litigation experience includes the following:

- Representation of several product manufacturers in hundreds of asbestos claims. Matters in dispute included exposure, pre-existing conditions, medical causation, diagnosis, and compensability.
- Defense of several shipyards and other property owners in asbestos related litigation.
- Claims for chemical exposure arising from operations in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Defense of a major local plant in over 75 different lawsuits, many including asbestos exposure.
- Defense of a U.S.-based oil and gas company named in more than 100 workers' compensation cases. Claimants alleged damages from various forms of chemical exposure, including hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, and phosphoric acid.
- Representation of a U.S.-based healthcare company in breast implant litigation and lawsuits involving blood clotting products.
- Defense of international corporations providing industrial access with aerial lifts and scaffolds against claims involving collapses and other alleged product defects resulting in catastrophic injuries and fatalities.
- Claims involving construction equipment and power tools, including claims of insufficient warnings and defective guarding.

Additionally, Boyd & Jenerette attorneys attend Florida-based depositions on behalf of clients located in other states across the country.

The firm is available to serve as local counsel in national mass tort and product liability litigation, including asbestos cases.

# MEET OUR MASS TORT AND PRODUCT LIABILITY PRACTICE GROUP ATTORNEYS



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Randy Dow is a Partner in the firm's South Florida office, located in Coconut Creek. His practice includes construction law, with an emphasis on delay and defect claims arising out of residential, commercial and industrial projects. In addition, a significant portion of Mr. Dow's practice is dedicated to the defense of product liability and general liability claims relating to construction equipment, power tools and construction vehicles.

Mr. Dow serves as statewide litigation counsel for various national and international corporations in the construction, equipment rental and property management industries. He has litigated numerous commercial and coverage claims since joining The Florida Bar in 1997.

He also has significant experience in automobile liability, including claims related to tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles.

Mr. Dow was born in Bangor, Maine, and lived throughout the country during his father's 25-year career in the U.S. Navy. He moved to South Florida after graduating from law school in 1997.

# Representative Case\*

Boyd & Jenerette's insurance coverage team obtained summary judgment in December, 2016 on behalf of a major insurance carrier in an action for declaratory relief. The action was brought by attorneys Jane Anderson and Randy Dow in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The central issue in the coverage action was whether a named insured on an umbrella policy could qualify for "family member" coverage in connection with a fatal automobile accident.

The Boyd & Jenerette bad faith trial team successfully defended a major insurance company in a Northern Florida county circuit court against allegations of bad faith in handling a property claim involving damage to an expensive automobile. Attorneys Jane Anderson and Randy Dow tried the case to a jury over seven days in late 2016.

\*Disclaimer: Results may not be typical. You may not have as beneficial a result.

### **Admissions**

Florida, 1997

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1999
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, 2000

# **Awards and Recognition**

AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell South Florida Legal Guide, Top Civil Litigators, 2011-2016 Florida Trend, Legal Elite, 2013 Named to the Super Lawyers Florida Rising Star list, 2009-2011 **Memberships** 

The Florida Bar

- Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Construction Law Committee Chair, CLE Subcommittee
- Insurance and Surety Committee

Construction Association of South Florida

### **Seminars**

- Tricky Legal Issues, Boyd & Jenerette Claims College, May, 2016.
- Florida Insurance and Construction Litigation, Boyd & Jenerette Claims College, May, 2016.
- Roadway Construction Claims The Complex and Potentially Costly Intersection of Construction and Auto Liability, 2016.
- Construction Delay and Impact Claims: Proper Use of Graphic Presentations Incorporating Building Information Models and 4D Scheduling, Construction CPM Conference, 2016.
- Claims Handling Strategies for Confined Space and Trench Related Incidents, 2008

#### Education

J.D., cum laude, Boston College Law School, 1997

- Finalist, Boston College Moot Court Competition
- Member, National Moot Court Team
- Winner, Outstanding Second Year Oral Advocate

B.A., magna cum laude, Stonehill College, 1994



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Peter Sledzik is a Practice Group Leader for the Trucking & Transportation, and Products Liability practices.

He has more than 20 years of experience in defending personal injury claims involving automobile negligence, premises liability, wrongful death, and negligent security. He litigates matters in both state and federal court.

The focus of Mr. Sledzik's practice is in representing private companies and insurance carriers in the transportation industry, with a concentration in trucking and bus accident litigation. He also spends a considerable portion of his practice defending national corporations in products liability claims.

He is in active member and participant of TIDA and the DRI.

# **Admissions**

Florida, 1994 Wisconsin, 1993 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2000

### **Memberships**

Defense Research Institute (DRI)
The Florida Bar
The Jacksonville Bar Association
Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel
Trucking Insurance Defense Association (TIDA)

# **Publications**

Florida, in Trucking Policy Disclaimers and Policyholder's Obligations to Preserve Coverage: A State-by-State Compendium (Don Hirsch ed., DRI 2009)

#### Education

J.D., Marquette University School of Law, 1993

B.A., Fairfield University, 1989
Additional Studies at Queen Mary College, London, England
Additional Studies at Jagielonian University, Krakaw, Poland



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Billie Jo Taylor focuses her practice on the defense of cases involving asbestos, mass torts, products liability, premise liability, trucking liability, general negligence and uninsured motorist claims. Prior to joining Boyd & Jenerette, P.A., she worked at a local firm handling medical malpractice, asbestos and wrongful death claims.

Ms. Taylor has over 20 years of legal industry experience, starting as a legal secretary. She became a certified paralegal several years prior to attending law school. During her career as a legal secretary and paralegal she provided support to attorneys in various areas of law in California, Pennsylvania and Florida.

She is very active in supporting her local community, and often helps coordinate charity events for the firm. Ms. Taylor enjoys participating in runs that benefit charities and volunteers for organizations such as Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) and youth sports associations.

#### **Admissions**

Florida, 2008

U.S. District Court, Middle (2008), Southern and Northern (2012) Districts of Florida

### Awards and Recognition

Recognized by Florida Super Lawyers "Rising Stars," Personal Injury Defense, 2013-2016 Young Lawyers Volunteer Award, Jacksonville Bar Association, Board of Governors, 2010-2012

### **Memberships**

The Florida Bar

The Jacksonville Bar Association

- Bench & Bar Professionalism Committee; Mentorship Committee
- Judicial Relations Committee.
  - Vice Chair of the Practicing with Professionalism Section (2016-2017)

Defense Research Institute

Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Committee, Product Liability Committee
 Jacksonville Claims Association and the Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel
 Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
 Jacksonville Women's Lawyers Association (past board member)

### Education

J.D., Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, 2008 B.A., *cum laude*, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, 2004





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Kristen Van der Linde devotes her practice exclusively to the defense of cases and appeals involving trucking liability, automobile liability, premises liability, wrongful death, asbestos, bad faith, negligent security, and coverage issues. She is admitted to practice law in Georgia as well as Florida.

Ms. Van der Linde is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by The Florida Bar, which means that she is an expert in civil litigation before state and federal courts, administrative agencies and arbitrators.

She frequently lectures on a wide range of topics including adjuster ethics, handling wrongful death claims, and bad faith litigation for continuing educational credit to insurance professionals.

### **Admissions**

Florida, 1992 Georgia, 1992 U.S. District Court

Middle District of Florida, 1992

Northern District of Georgia, 2005

Northern and Southern Districts of Florida, 2012

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 2015

# **Awards and Recognition**

- Board Certified in Civil Trial by The Florida Bar
- AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as Jacksonville Insurance Law Lawyer of the Year (2015)
- Recognized by Best Lawyers® as Jacksonville Personal Injury Litigation-Defendant's Lawyer of the Year (2012, 2017)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>©</sup> (2008-2015)
- Recognized by Florida Super Lawyer (2010-2016)
- Listed in U.S. News Best Lawyers® (2010-2015)
- Recognized as Jacksonville's Best Lawyers by Jacksonville Magazine
  - o Personal Injury Litigation (2011-2015)
  - o Insurance Defense (2010-2015)
- Recognized as Jacksonville's Best Lawyer by Folio Weekly (2008-2012)
- Listed in Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* Magazine (2006-2015)

# **Memberships**

American Board of Trial Advocates, 2008 to present Claims & Litigation Management Alliance International Association of Defense Counsel

 Vice Chairman, 2009 Mid-year Meeting, Insurance and Reinsurance Defense Research Institute

The Florida Bar

Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, 2006-2009
 Fourth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, past member
 Florida Defense Lawyers Association
 Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel, President, 2001
 The Georgia Bar
 The Jacksonville Bar Association
 Chester Bedell Inn of Court, (1998 – 2000) – Master (2009)
 Best Lawyers in America, 2008 to present

### Education

J.D., Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 1992

- Moot Court Team
- American Jurisprudence Award, Moot Court

B.A., Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, 1989



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Tom Berger maintains a general practice that provides him with a broad range of legal insight into claims disputes involving Florida insurers and their insureds. The types of cases he handles include:

- Slip and falls
- Auto personal injury defense
- Product liability
- Construction defects
- Homeowner association and condominium disputes

Tom is an experienced trial attorney who has tried seven cases to verdict in the past five years. His trial experience is in state court and he has mediated settlements from Fort Pierce to Key West, including the counties of St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe. He has also argued appeals before the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeals.

His work in auto cases includes the defense of bodily injury and uninsured motorist claims. His experience with slip and fall injury cases includes a range of premises situations in retail, restaurant or other business properties. Product liability claims handled by Tom include power saws and other industrial or construction equipment.

In the area of construction defects, he represents general contractors and subcontractors in all aspects of construction from watertight issues to roofing, railings, doors and housing substructures. Many of the disputes he has handled involve high-end residential projects, including one property valued at \$40 million.

His HOA case experience includes the defense of board members under errors and omissions (E&O) policies against allegations of fraud, selective enforcement or breach of fiduciary duty.

Tom serves as a Community Representative at Large on the Construction Oversight Review Committee (CORC) for the School District of Palm Beach County, a voluntary position he has held since 2005.

CORC is a citizen-based committee created to assist the School Board in building quality schools on time and within budget. The committee meets monthly to review all aspects of construction at elementary, middle and high schools across Palm Beach County. CORC monitors activities including land purchases and sales, school building construction and maintenance, classroom design, and student transportation.

Tom also served on the West Boca Community Council, an umbrella organization of more than 100 homeowner and condominium member associations, from 2002 to 2014. This voluntary civic organization helped the unincorporated areas of West Boca present matters of public concern to the County Commissioner for consideration.

He has three children and is a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Admissions

Florida, 1989 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2001 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2011

# Memberships

The Florida Bar

#### **Seminars**

Ethical Traps for Adjusters, Boyd & Jenerette Claims College, May, 2016 Responding to Time Demands, Boyd & Jenerette Claims College, May, 2016 Defending "Low Impact" Accidents: Key Issues, March, 2016 Motions to Dismiss for Fraud – What You Need to Know, July, 2014 Five-Hour Law & Ethics Update for Adjusters, July, 2014 Florida No Fault Law Update, November, 2013

### Education

J.D., University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL, 1989 B.A., History, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 1986 Pine Crest Prep School, Fort Lauderdale, FL



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Betsy Cardenas focuses on the defense of cases involving asbestos, mass torts, premise liability, products liability, trucking liability, and general negligence claims. Prior to joining Boyd & Jenerette, Ms. Cardenas worked as a Judicial Staff Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Duval County.

Ms. Cardenas graduated in the top 5% of her class from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida. While in law school, she served as a Staff Editor on the *Florida Coastal Law Review*. In addition, Ms. Cardenas interned for judges in both state and federal courts, and was employed as a law clerk by a Jacksonville personal injury firm.

### **Admissions**

Florida, 2015

# Memberships

The Florida Bar

### Education

J.D., magna cum laude, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, 2015

- Governor's Merit Scholarship
- Dean's Scholar or Dean's List every semester
- Book Award for Highest Grade in Lawyering Process II, Pre-trial Litigation Drafting, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Employment Discrimination

B.S.W., cum laude, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2011

- Delta Zeta Sorority, Historian
- Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society
- National Association of Social Workers
- Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society





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Mr. Childers is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar and is AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is an expert in handling construction-related claims involving defects, breach of contract or warranty, professional negligence, delay, liens / bonds, product defects and insurance coverage. He has trial experience involving large, complex construction cases.

He represents owners, contractors, design professionals, subcontractors in various trades, material suppliers, and manufacturers in construction disputes, and also assists clients in transactional work including drafting and negotiating construction contracts.

#### **Admissions**

Florida, 2005

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2006

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2005

### **Awards and Recognition**

Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

# **Memberships**

The Florida Bar

Construction Law Committee, Jury Instructions Subcommittee, 2014
Jacksonville Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Vice President
Florida Defense Lawyers Association
Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel
Associated Builders and Contractors, First Coast Chapter, ABC Education Committee

# **Seminars & Classes**

- How the World Has Changed, or Has it? A Review of Carithers v. Mid-Continent Co., 2015, 2016
- Construction Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Spring 2014 and 2016
  - What is Construction Law?
  - Construction Licenses and Certifications
  - Construction Bids
  - Construction Contracts and Terms
  - o Nonperformance, Damages, and Defenses
  - Building Permits and Codes
  - Property Damage and Personal Injury

- Remedies
- Extras, Modifications, and Delays
- Construction Liens
- Construction Bonds (Payment and Performance)
- o Construction Litigation
- Workers' Compensation and Liability Insurance
- Introduction to Construction Defect & Delay Claims, 2015
- Builders Risks, 2013
- Construction Defects: Chapter 558 Notice and Opportunity to Repair Damages in Construction Defect Lawsuit, June 2012

# **Education**

- J.D., magna cum laude, Thomas Cooley Law School, 2005
  - Emphasis on Business Transactions

B.A., magna cum laude, Political Science and History, Florida State University, 2002





Elizabeth B. Ferguson Partner 904.353.6245 eferguson@bovdien.com

Elizabeth Ferguson manages an extremely busy commercial law practice, which includes both litigation and transactional work, focusing on construction. Ms. Ferguson has been Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar since 2009 and is AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. She serves on the Florida Board of Professional Engineers, appointed by Gov. Rick Scott. Ms. Ferguson is also a Construction Panel Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and has served as a professor of Construction Law.

Ms. Ferguson represents owners, contractors, material suppliers, developers, and design professionals (architects, engineers, and surveyors) in construction, contract, and commercial litigation matters. As an expert in construction law, her cases involve professional liability, breach of contract, construction defects, delays, liens/bonds, insurance coverage issues, contract drafting and review, and licensure issues. Her experience includes residential, commercial and roadway construction, from pre-suit through trial and arbitration. She also defends clients before professional licensing boards related to disciplinary and licensure issues.

Throughout her career, Ms. Ferguson has continuously achieved stand-out litigation success as a result of her rigorous client representation, remarkable organization/management skills, and exceptional expertise in construction law. She teaches seminars on professional liability and construction law matters often, and is available to present CE seminars.

#### Admissions

Florida, 2002

U.S. District Court. Middle District of Florida. 2005

Board Certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar, 2009 to present

### **Awards and Recognition**

AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell Florida Trend Magazine, Legal Elite, 2014-2015 Florida Trend Magazine "Up & Comer," 2008-2013

Named to the Florida Super Lawyers "Rising Star" list for Construction Litigation, 2009-2016

# **Memberships**

American Arbitration Association

- Expedited Commercial Panel Arbitrator, 2011-Present
- Construction Panel Arbitrator, 2015 Present

ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida, PR Committee: 2010-2011

American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, 2009 – Present

- Women and Minority Fellowship: 2009-2012
- Division 7, Annual Concepts & Ideas Book Working Group, Chair: 2010-2011
- Division 7, Membership Working Group, Member: 2009-2011
- Division 7, Social Media/Technology Working Group, Member: 2010-2011
- Young Lawyers Committee, Division 7 Liaison: 2010-2014

American Bar Foundation, Fellow 2014

Associated Builders and Contractors

- Young Professionals, Member: 2009-2014
- Women's Council, Member: 2006-2014

Chester Bedell Inn of Court

- Associate Member: 2007-2008
- Barrister: 2012-2015

Florida Bar Association

- Construction Law Committee: 2005-Present
- Construction Law Committee, Jury Instructions Subcommittee: 2012-2013
- Construction Law Committee, Construction Law Certification Review Course Steering Committee: 2015 – Present
- Construction Law Committee, Construction Law Certification Review Course Speaker:
   2015 Present
- RPPTL Section: 2005-Present
- RPPTL, Property & Liability Insurance/Suretyship Committee: 2012-2013

Florida Board of Professional Engineers, Board Member, Appointment Term 3/27/15-10/31/18 Jacksonville Bar Association

- Law Week Committee, Member: 2007
- Holiday Project, Chair: 2006
- Guardian Ad Litem Permanency Project: 2005
- Board of Governors: 2012-Present
- Construction Law Section: 2011-Present

Jacksonville Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section

- President 2011-2012
- Vice President 2010-2011
- Secretary 2009-2010
- Treasurer 2008-2009
- Board of Governors: 2006-2010

Phi Delta Phi, Wilkie Inn

ASFP Florida First Coast, Community Walk Committee, 2014

# **Client Representations**

- Defense of construction, engineering and inspection sub-consultant on an FDOT project with a value over \$111 million, involving claims brought by contractor for professional negligence and breach of duty.
- Defense of large southeast residential developer and home builder against claims by individual owners for construction defect, including improperly installed stucco, windows and roofing systems. Represented same builder in over 100 suits against the original subcontractors to recover costs incurred by the builder for remediation and repair of the homes
- Defense of construction, engineering and inspection contractor from claims of insufficient maintenance of traffic in a roadway construction zone, case involved the death of two eighteen year olds.

- Defense of subcontractor against multi-million dollar construction defect and unfair trade practices claims by general contractor and owner. Case involved construction of multiple buildings, water intrusion and mold claims.
- Defense of national residential developer and home builder in a multi-million dollar construction defects and mold claim brought by individual owners seeking class certification of over 350 homes.
- Defense of contractors and owners against premises liability claims.

# **Representative Cases**

Welcome v. Arvida, 903 So. 2d 942 (Fla. 1st DCA 2005)

### **Seminars and Classes**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") 2012, 2014
- Builders Risk Insurance 2012, 2014
- Building Permits, Codes and Laws 2012, 2014
- Construction Bids 2012, 2014
- Construction Contracts and Terms 2012. 2014
- Construction Defects: Chapter 558 Notice and Opportunity to Repair Damages in Construction Defect Lawsuit – 2012, 2014
- Construction Defect CLM Education Event, 2015
- Construction Defects & Delay 2012, 2014
- Construction Law 101: Basic Principles 2011
- Construction Licenses and Certifications 2012, 2014
- Construction Liens & Bonds 2012, 2014
- Construction Litigation 2012, 2014
- Construction Warranties 2012, 2014
- Design Build Risk Allocation and Legal Lessons Learned Design-Build Institute of America Meeting, 2013
- Ethical and Effective Ways to Network at Events ABA Construction Forum Meeting, 2013
- Extras, Modifications, and Delay 2012, 2014
- Florida Construction Bonds AAA Construction School, 2011
- My How the World Has Changed, Or Has It? A Review of Carithers v. Mid-Continent, Co. 2015, 2016
- Nonperformance, Damages and Defenses 2012, 2014
- Property Damage and Personal Injury 2012, 2014
- Remedies 2012, 2014
- Roadway Construction Claims The Complex and Potentially Costly Intersection of Construction and Auto Liability, 2016
- Stick and Bricks 2012, 2014
- Theories of Recovery: Causes of Action The Florida Bar's Advanced Construction Law Certification Review Course, 2015 – 2016
- What is Construction Law? 2012, 2014
- Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance 2012, 2014

#### **Publications**

- OCIP's and the Wrap Exclusion 12/21/16
- Multiple Causes of a Loss 12/21/16
- Duty to Defend and the "Your Work" Exclusion 12/21/16

- Does a Chapter 558 Notice Constitute a "Suit" Within the Meaning of a CGL Policy? -08/09/16
- 5th DCA Holds that Claims Against Unlicensed Contractors are Governed by the Statute of Limitations Applicable to Construction Contracts - 05/12/16
- 3rd DCA Upholds Narrow Circumstances Where Owner can be Liable for Injuries to Independent Contractors and Bars Experts from Opining Whether a Part Violated its Duties Under the Building Code - 04/05/16
- Challenging/Vacating Arbitration Agreements: The Elimination of Non-Statutory Avenues in Florida 02/26/16
- Florida Courts Continue to Address Coverage Issues in the Construction Realm 01/08/16
- Duty to Defend Continues to Grow 12/01/15
- Florida and the New Daubert Standard 09/18/15
- Qualifying Agents...Licensed Contractors 07/08/15
- Be Careful What you Sign: Contractually Raising the Standard of Care 07/06/15
- Construction Defect Statute of Repose 07/01/15
- Implied Warranties of Fitness and Merchantability: They Don't Just Apply to Buildings Anymore 08/29/13
- Ethical and Effective Ways to Network at Events and Conferences 01/08/13
- A New Look at Trigger of Coverage: What Every Insurer Needs to Know 10/16/12

#### Education

J.D., Indiana University School of Law, 2002 B.A., The College of Wooster, 1999



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Bryan Hill focuses primarily on insurance coverage and bad faith liability litigation.

After law school, Mr. Hill moved to Washington, D.C. to work for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, where he concentrated on international trade policy. He also worked as the environmental compliance manager for TAMKO Building Products, Inc. in Frederick, Maryland. After returning to his home state of Florida, Mr. Hill worked as a judicial staff attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Duval County.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Hill served four years as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army (1st Infantry Division). He left the service with a rank of Captain.

From 2006 to 2007, Mr. Hill was the officer-in-charge of an overseas military training camp. He led a team of U.S. Army soldiers in training a foreign military force of approximately 150 personnel in small unit leadership and counter-terrorism tactics.

Mr. Hill's other assignments included rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, and rifle company executive officer.

During his four years in the U.S. Army, Mr. Hill earned several commendations including:

- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Two Army Commendation Medals
- Two Army Achievement Medals

### Admissions

Florida, 2014 Maryland, 2014 (Inactive) U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, 2016

# **Memberships**

The Florida Bar
The Maryland Bar
American Bar Association
Florida Trial Court Staff Attorney Association, Co-Chair,
Strategic Planning Committee (2015-2016)

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# Education

J.D., cum laude, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL, 2010

- Member, Student Leadership Development Committee
- Member, Honors Program. Graduated in Top 8% of law class

University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business, Data Acquisition and Strategy Course, 2012

University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, Managing High Powered Teams Course, 2013

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, 2013

B.A., Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 2003

- Cadet Battalion Commander, Army ROTC
- Captain, Ranger Challenge Team, Army ROTC



Tiffany L. Korte Associate 904.309.6785 tkorte@boydjen.com

Tiffany Korte focuses her practice on the defense of cases involving mass tort, products liability, and general negligence claims.

While in law school, Ms. Korte placed in several moot court competitions, including the Chicago Bar Association (2015 Semi-Finalist), Zehmer Workers' Compensation (2015 Semi-Finalist), Gabrielli National Family Law (2015 Quarterfinalist), and San Diego National Criminal Procedure (2014 Semi-Finalist).

In the summer of 2015, Ms. Korte interned for Justice Ricky Polston of the Florida Supreme Court. During law school Ms. Korte worked as a law clerk for a Jacksonville personal injury firm, and clerked in the General Counsel's office for a national transportation company.

Outside of work, she enjoys ballroom dancing and cooking.

# **Admissions**

Florida, 2016

# Membership

The Florida Bar Jacksonville Bar Association

#### **Publication**

"Terminally III Parents and Their Children: Determining the Proper Placement of Children Through the Best Interests of the Child or the Parental Preference Standard," 17 *Fla. Coastal L. Rev.* 161 (2015).

### **Education**

J.D., magna cum laude, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, 2016

- -- Honors Program, Dean's Scholar, Governor's Merit Scholarship Recipient
- -- Notes & Comments Editor, Florida Coastal Law Review
- -- Moot Court Honor Board, Vice President External Teams
- -- Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Society
- -- First District Appellate Inn of Court, Student Member

B.B.A., Marketing, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, 2007

-- Delta Gamma Fraternity



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Kathryn Oughton focuses on civil litigation, with an emphasis on the defense of cases involving automobile liability, premises liability, wrongful death, and trucking liability. She also handles bad faith and coverage matters.

Prior to joining the firm, she served as head of the civil litigation department in the Jacksonville office of a state-wide firm. In this capacity, she focused on automobile and trucking negligence, wrongful death, and premises liability.

Ms. Oughton supports her local community by serving as an executive board member of the Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment. She is also an assistant coach for the Bolles School softball team.

### Admissions

Florida, 2008 Pennsylvania, 2009 Georgia, 2015

### **Memberships**

The Florida Bar
The Pennsylvania Bar
The Georgia Bar
Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel
Chester Bedell Inn of Courts, Associate, 2010

# **Seminars**

Florida Workers' Compensation and General Liability Issues Seminar, 2011, 2012 Florida Division of Risk Management Seminars

### Education

J.D., Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, 2008

• Governor's Merit Scholarship Recipient, Dean's List

B.A., cum laude, Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2003

• Honor Athlete on the Varsity Softball Team



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Kristie Schrader concentrates her practice on litigating insurance defense cases. She is experienced in the areas of appellate law, insurance coverage and bad faith litigation, complex civil litigation, commercial law, mass tort, trucking and transportation, construction law and global settlements. Ms. Schrader's diverse background enables her to analyze causation and damages from various angles.

Prior to joining Boyd & Jenerette, she worked as in-house counsel for Nationwide Insurance and its subsidiaries. In this capacity, she tried jury and non-jury cases throughout Florida in litigation involving first party and third party claims. She also handled Examinations Under Oath (EUOs) and global mediations.

Earlier in her career she worked for a firm litigating commercial transportation claims in state and federal courts.

### **Admissions**

Florida, 1999

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2001

### **Memberships**

The Florida Bar Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel The Jacksonville Bar Association

# **Education**

J.D., University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1999 B.S., University of North Alabama, Florence, AL, 1995



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Robert Schrader concentrates his practice in the areas of general litigation and trial advocacy. He serves a diverse client base and maintains an active caseload throughout Florida in matters involving premises liability, general liability, automobile personal injury defense, trucking liability, construction defects, and products liability. Mr. Schrader has tried numerous jury and non-jury trials and is committed to pursuing effective results for his clients.

Mr. Schrader grew up in Texas and joined the firm in 1994 after graduating from law school.

#### Admissions

Florida, 1994

U.S. District Court, Middle (1994) and Northern (2005) Districts of Florida

# **Awards and Recognition**

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# **Memberships**

- The Florida Bar
- The Jacksonville Bar Association
- Jacksonville Assn. of Defense Counsel
- The Jacksonville Claims Association
- The Defense Research Institute
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court

### **Seminars**

- "Tricky Legal Issues," Boyd & Jenerette Claims College, May, 2016
- "Law and Ethics Update" 2015
- "Defending "Low Impact" Accidents: Key Issues for Claims Professionals" 2015
- "Pain Management- Impact on Risk Management," 2011
- "The Slavin Doctrine—The Contractors Defense," 2010
- "The Independent Medical Examination- Where Do We Stand?" Florida Defense Lawyers Association, 2008

### Education

J.D., South Texas College of Law (now Houston College of Law), Houston, TX, 1994. Order of the Lytae

B.A., Rice University, Houston, TX, 1991. Quarterback, Rice University Football Team.