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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2007

U.S. District Court Middle District
of Florida
2008

U.S. District Court Northern District
of Florida
2008

U.S. District Court Southern
District of Florida
2008

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit
2008

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of
Law (J.D., 2007)

University of Florida (B.S., 2003)

OVERVIEW

Alan Carroll "A.C." Nash is a senior civil defense attorney and business leader whose practice focuses on the defense of insureds, corporations, and public entities in complex, high-exposure litigation. He concentrates on negligent security, wrongful death, product liability, automobile and commercial transportation claims, liquor liability, construction liability and premises liability matters.

A.C. also maintains a substantial public-sector and municipal defense practice, representing municipalities and law enforcement agencies in state and federal civil rights litigation, including claims alleging false arrest, malicious prosecution, and excessive force. His experience in this space includes defending matters throughout Florida in both trial and appellate courts.

A.C. serves as the Casualty Supervisor of the Fort Lauderdale office of Marshall Dennehey, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the casualty department and leads a large team of attorneys handling complex and catastrophic-loss cases. In this role, he is responsible not only for legal strategy and quality control, but also for client relationships, attorney development, and overall practice performance.

Before joining Marshall Dennehey, A.C. was a trial associate at a Fort Lauderdale-based law enforcement and municipal defense firm with more than 30 years of history. Working closely with firm leadership, he played a key role in defending public entities and law enforcement officers in high-stakes civil rights litigation across Florida.

A.C. earned his *juris doctor* from Florida State University College of Law in 2007. While in law school, he served as a certified legal intern with the Second Judicial Circuit, trying approximately 40 jury and non-jury criminal cases. He was a member and coach of the Mock Trial Team, served as a student ambassador and traveling recruiter, sat on the Dean's Cabinet, acted as the Fifth Circuit Governor for the American Bar Association, and received the Distinguished Pro Bono Award upon graduation.

A South Florida native, A.C. earned his undergraduate degree in Public Relations from the University of Florida, graduating early. Prior to law school, he worked in public relations and marketing, including managing state and national accounts for a Miami-based firm and later executing advertising and marketing programs for two Fortune 100 companies. This background continues to inform his approach to client development and litigation strategy.

A.C. is deeply committed to mentorship and community involvement. He mentors students at the elementary, secondary, undergraduate, and law school levels and has served in leadership and advisory roles with multiple professional and civic organizations.

HONORS & AWARDS

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

"Best Mentors Award" by the Daily Business Review
2022

The Florida Bar Leadership Academy, Fellow
2013 - 2014

Florida Legal Elite
2010, 2012

Florida Super Lawyer
2019-2025

Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star
2012-2018

Rated for Civil Litigation by Lead Counsel, a service of Thomson Reuters, 2015

"Rising Star" by the Daily Business Review
2014

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel
2017-2025

South Florida Legal Guide, Up & Comer
2018-2021

Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer
2025

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Eight Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2025 Florida Super Lawyers & Florida Rising Stars Lists

June 26, 2025

Eight attorneys from the Florida offices of Marshall Dennehey have been selected to the 2025 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

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On the Pulse...The Blitz Is Coming: Pranks, Perception and the Risk of Draft Day

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June 1, 2025

In April, the high-stakes world of the NFL Draft took over the airwaves. Millions were made and fumbled away as each round unfolded. Scouting reports were dissected, 40-yard dash times debated, and the patience of each player was tested. Defense Digest, Vol. 31, No.

Five Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2024 Florida Super Lawyers & Florida Rising Stars Lists

June 27, 2024

Five attorneys from the Florida offices of Marshall Dennehey have been selected to the 2024 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

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Five Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2023 Florida Super Lawyers List

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Florida Passes Tort Reform: What You Need to Know

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March 27, 2023

On March 24, 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 837, "Civil Remedies," into law. The material in this law alert has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Negligent Security Claims - Premises Under Attack, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, July 25, 2025

Florida's New Civil Procedure and Rules, Florida Tampa Bay RIMS Chapter, May 21, 2025

The Yellow Brick Road to Litigation Success – What Happens When Carriers and Defense Counsel Team Up? CLM Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, April 10, 2025

Relevant Procedural Rule Changes for Risk Manager, Broward County RIMS Chapter Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, January 15, 2025

DE&I – Your Ally in the War for Talent, Florida RIMS Educational Conference, August 1, 2024

New Florida Tort Reform Changes Under HB 837, Tampa Bay RIMS Chapter Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 18, 2023

Civil Rights for Uncivil Times, International Association of Claims Professionals (IACP) 2023 Conference, June 22, 2023

Claims Inflation in Property & Casualty Litigation, ILG 360^o London Annual Conference 2023, March 15, 2023

Talkin' Bout My Generations, RIMS - Broward County Chapter Meeting & Presentation, October 19th, 2022

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

DRI - Diversity for Success Seminar and Expo, Expo Chair 2016 - 2018

DRI - Diversity for Success Seminar and Expo, Marketing Chair, 2013 - 2015

DRI - Diversity Committee, Chair to the Marketing Subcommittee

DRI - Diversity Committee, Liaison to the Aviation Law Committee

DRI - Retail and Hospitality Seminar, Committee Member 2016 - Present

Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, Member

Florida Association of Police Attorneys, 2010

The Florida Bar - Student Education/Admissions to The Bar Committee

Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Board Member, 2017 - 2019

Florida Sheriffs Association, 2020 - present

RIMS Broward County Chapter, Board of Directors, 2021

Chair, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "H", 2018 - 2021

T.J. Reddick Bar Association, Executive Board, 2012 - 2013

Talkin' Bout My Generations, 2022 Florida RIMS Educational Conference, Naples, FL, July 27th, 2022

Successful Strategies for Effective Mediation, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, July 20, 2022

Roundtable Discussion: Civil Litigation and Nailing On-Campus Interviews, FSU College of Law - Black Law Students Association, November 8, 2021

Litigation & Trial Considerations When Representing/Defending Law Enforcement, NAPO's Annual 2021 Legal Seminar, West Palm Beach, FL, October 4, 2021

Anti-Social Practical Strategies Insurers Can Implement - panel member, 2021 DRI-IADC Virtual Roundtable, September, 2021

Civil Litigation State of Affairs - The Impact of COVID-19 in Florida & What's Next, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, June, 2021

Negligent Security: Foreseeable Crime - Believable Risk, ILG Virtual Conference, March 22, 2021

56 Feds are Coming: Strategies Using the Upcoming Florida Summary Judgment Standard, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, January 15, 2021

Negligence 101 - A Pennsylvania and Florida Legal Overview, Marshall Dennehey Client Presentation, December 15, 2020

Negligent Tenants Expose Negligent Landlords, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium - Casino Royale, Tampa, FL, September 20, 2018

Moderator: *In-House Counsel Roundtable*, DRI Retail & Hospitality Conference, Chicago, IL, May, 2018

Panelist: Broward County Bar Association - Young Lawyer's Section Boot Camp, June 6, 2017

Featured Speaker/Panelist: *Making The Career Decision That Is Best For You*, Atlantic Technical College 2017 College & Career Summit, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, January 26, 2017

Defending Negligent Security Claims, RIMKUS' 9th Annual CLE/CE Seminar, October 21, 2016

Negligent Security Claims: If the Crime is Foreseeable, the Risk is Believable, RIMS - Central Florida Chapter, November 19, 2015

Using Crime Grids in Negligent Security Claims, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium - *The Best Defense is a Good Offense*, Orlando, FL, September 17, 2014

Diversity for Success Seminar, DRI, Moderator, 2013

Stand Your Ground Forum, Nova Law School, Moderator, 2012

Paralegal Program - Professor of Contracts, Legal Research/Writing and Constitutional Law, Brown Mackie College, 2009 - 2010

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Best Mentors: Alan Carroll 'A.C.' Nash Learns the Motivations of his Mentees Before Guiding Them," the *Daily Business Review*, May 9, 2022

"Removing That Slip and Fall Case to Federal Court," *For The Defense*, February 2016

"Negligent Tenants Leave Room for Exposed Landlords," *Daily Business Review*, Personal Injury Special Report, July 27, 2015

"Let's Have A Look At The Footage," *Law Enforcement Technology*, March 2014, co-author

"You Slip. You Fall. You Lose. Florida's Updated Transient Foreign Substance Statute," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 19, No. 4, December 2013

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Vice President, 2012

Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Board Member, 2008 - Present

YEAR JOINED

2010

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Grant of judgment as a matter of law for the Sheriff's department and individual deputy in an excessive force federal trial involving the shooting death of a suspect.

Defense verdict in a federal trial for the Sheriff's department and individual deputy in an excessive force case involving the use of a canine.

Grant of dismissal in a federal case involving the alleged interference of a prisoner's rights to access the courts and to free speech.

Grant of dismissal in a federal case wherein plaintiff alleged that a private corporation acted under color of law and violated his 8th Amendment Rights.