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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Maritime Litigation
Property Litigation
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Commercial Litigation
Architectural, Engineering and
Construction Defect Litigation
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ADMISSIONS

Florida
1999

U.S. District Court Middle
District of Florida
1999

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th
Circuit
2001

U.S. District Court Northern
District of Florida
2006

U.S. District Court Southern
District of Florida
2006

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law
School (J.D., 1999)

University of South Florida
(B.A., cum laude, 1995)

OVERVIEW

Mike Bradford is a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer. He has significant experience defending the nation's leading insurance companies and Fortune 500 corporations, having tried both bench and jury trials throughout Florida in state and federal court, and handled multiple arbitrations and appeals. Mike focuses his trial practice on the areas of insurance defense, insurance coverage, property and casualty, construction negligence, commercial litigation, and admiralty and maritime claims.

Mike is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer review rating for professional competence. He has also been selected by his peers to Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite "Up and Comers" and Civil Trial lists, and he has been selected a Florida Super Lawyer by the Super Lawyers organization. Michael is also a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA), the Propeller Club (Port of Tampa), and the Tampa Bay Mariners Club.

Born and raised in the Tampa area, he served four years in the United States Army prior to attending college. Mike is active in his community and numerous professional organizations. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Head Start Community Foundation, a past member of the Board of Directors of Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools (formerly A Gift for Teaching of Tampa), and a former volunteer youth coach with the Tampa Metro Area YMCA and East Point Little League. Mike also served seven years as the Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 79, Brandon, Florida, Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, and now volunteers as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 79, of which both of his sons are members.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Ten Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2020 Florida Super Lawyers & Florida Rising Stars Lists

June 4, 2020

Ten attorneys from the Florida offices of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin have been selected to the 2020 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.
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Twelve Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers & Rising Stars Lists

May 30, 2019

Twelve attorneys from Marshall Dennehey's Florida offices (Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa) have been selected to the 2019 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.
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Eleven Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers & Rising Stars Lists

June 19, 2018

Eleven attorneys from the Florida offices of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin have been selected to the 2018 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.
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Marshall Dennehey Expands Casualty Practice in Florida

Maritime Litigation

Insurance Services – Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation

Property Litigation

Commercial Litigation

February 21, 2018

Marshall Dennehey has expanded its Florida Casualty Practice with the additions of Michael J. Bradford and Julie Cunningham Aiello in the firm's Tampa office. Mr. Bradford joins as a shareholder and Ms. Aiello joins as an associate.
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Where Does Florida End? It Depends

Tampa

September 4, 2018

Defense Digest, Vol. 24, No. 3, September 2018 By Mike Bradford, Esq.* Key Points: Defense Digest, Vol. 24, No. 3, September 2018. Defense Digest is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal developments of interest to our readers.

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Crew | Longshore Harbors Workers' Compensation Act | State Worker's Comp Liabilities, Tampa Bay Mariner's Club 2019 Annual Maritime Industry Marine Insurance Seminar, Tampa Bay, FL, May 22, 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Specialist,
Civil Trial, The Florida Bar

Property Insurance Law Update, Ft. Lauderdale 10th Annual CE Seminar, Coral Springs, FL, March 2, 2018

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Where Does Florida End? It Depends," *Defense Digest*, September 2018, Vol. 24, No. 3

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Complete defense victory and successful counterclaim on behalf of a leading heavy civil marine contractor in the trial of a negligent construction claim brought against it after a subaqueous utility strike occurred during the construction of a bridge in Florida.

Complete defense verdict on behalf of one of Florida's largest homeowners' insurers in first party property damage sinkhole claim, believed to be first defense/insurer verdict in a denied sinkhole claim involving a policy that requires "structural damage," since the Florida Sinkhole Statutes significantly changed in May 2011.

Defense jury verdict in a claim of damage to a home from nearby quarry blasting.

Defense jury verdict in a sinkhole trial in which the proper method of repair was disputed.

Defense verdicts in the trials of claims brought by two separate homeowners against their homeowners' insurer as a result of damage allegedly caused by the explosion of a neighboring grow house.

Defense jury verdict in a sinkhole claim of improper partial denial and disputed method of repair.

Defense verdict in personal injury case involving a claim of multiple fractures and reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD).

Defense award in arbitration of customer securities claim involving allegations of churning and violations of Florida Blue Sky Law.

Defense judgment in a marine insurance coverage dispute tried in federal court.

Defense verdict in personal injury case involving rear end collision. The plaintiff was awarded past medical expenses, and no future damages. The judgment was less than the amount offered in settlement.

Commercial landlord/tenant dispute tried to conclusion. Settled on favorable terms to the client before a verdict was returned.

Favorable verdict in personal injury claim that a recreational vehicle fell on its owner, who was crawling under the RV, after improper maintenance of the RV's hydraulic jacking system by the defendant.

Favorable final arbitration award in a customer securities fraud/unfair trade practices claim against a financial adviser and firm in connection with the sale of annuities.

Favorable final arbitration award in a case involving allegations of churning and breach of fiduciary duty in a customer's account. Although a small award was made to the claimant, it was a fraction of the multi-million dollar claim asserted.

Favorable judgment after trial in a marine salvage case involving the salvage of a

sinking yacht. A small judgment was entered in favor of the salvor, as expected, but it was far less than the amount claimed and less than was offered in settlement.

Successful appeal before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeal in a trade dress infringement insurance coverage claim.