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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability
Premises & Retail Liability
Product Liability
Long-Term Care Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2010

EDUCATION

Florida A&M University College of Law (J.D., 2010)

Walla Walla University (B.A., 2006)

YEAR JOINED

2024

OVERVIEW

Brian E. Catelli is a member of the Casualty department with 14 years of courtroom experience. He focuses his practice on general liability cases involving property and personal injury claims, premise liability, and nursing home defense matters.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Brian was an associate in the Orlando office of an insurance defense law firm, providing coverage of complex litigation cases from inception of matter through to judgment in the areas of premise liability, automotive and general liability. Previously, he was founder of his law practice in Orlando where he handled civil, criminal and bankruptcy matters. He also practiced with other law firms in Orlando, handling large caseloads of foreclosure and bankruptcy cases.

Brian worked as an assistant state attorney for four years with the Orange County Prosecution Office. He is well versed in legal issues that stem from criminal conviction. He handled numerous criminal matters, ranging from DUI manslaughter to aggravated assault with firearm, including crimes ranging in sentence from 20 year minimum mandatory to life in prison and acting as first chair in over 20 trials, second-chaired over 30 trials, and 35 bench trials. He managed caseloads from initial arrest through to disposition and appeals of Circuit Court rulings.

Brian received his *juris doctor* from Florida A&M University College of Law in May 2010 and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Walla Walla College, Washington in May 2006.

He is licensed to practice law in Florida.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Florida Appeals Court Reverses Summary Judgment, Stresses Need to Properly File Video Evidence to Preserve Record

Orlando

Premises & Retail Liability

January 1, 2026

Marilyn Reynolds was a customer in the Belk, Inc. store when she tripped over an unsecured, wide-based metal stanchion and sustained injuries.

Property Owner Not Liable for Injuries Caused by Unforeseeable Third-Party Vehicle Misconduct

Orlando

Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability

October 1, 2025

The plaintiff, Jarvis Coleman, attended an event hosted by Via at an entertainment venue and, upon leaving the premises, was struck by a truck driven by another patron while waiting in line to exit the parking lot. Case Law Alerts, 4th Quarter, October 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

Appellate Court Upholds Dismissal and Sanctions After Plaintiff Found to Have Fabricated Premises Liability Claim

Orlando

Premises & Retail Liability

Fraud/Special Investigation

July 1, 2025

The plaintiff brought a premises liability action against the defendant, alleging he was injured when garbage can lids fell from a store shelf. After his attorney withdrew, the plaintiff proceeded pro se. Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

No Duty Owed: Premises Liability and Pedestrian Use of Drive-Through Lanes

Orlando

Premises & Retail Liability

April 1, 2025

In a premises liability case, the plaintiff alleged she suffered injuries after slipping on an oil slick while walking to an ATM designed for drive-through use. Case Law Alerts, 2nd Quarter, April 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

Florida District Court of Appeal Dismisses Claim for Punitive Damages Against Retail Grocer

Orlando

Premises & Retail Liability

January 1, 2025

The plaintiff, a sales representative for Pepsi, sued the defendant for premises liability and negligence after one of its display shelves, known as an "end cap," fell on him. Case Law Alerts, 1st Quarter, January 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.