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Workers' Compensation

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2002

North Carolina
2006

U.S. District Court Middle District
of Florida
2007

OVERVIEW

Blake devotes his practice to the defense of employers and insurance carriers in claims and appeals arising under the Florida Workers' Compensation Act as well as claims brought under the federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

Blake is Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Workers' Compensation, a designation he earned in 2013. He is experienced in workers' compensation law dealing with the analysis and litigation of problems or controversies arising out of the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.

In addition to his practice that extends throughout the state of Florida, Blake is also licensed to practice law in North Carolina. He represents many insurance carriers and third party administrators. Additionally, he lectures on various topics concerning state and federal workers' compensation claims.

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of
Law (J.D., 2002)

Emory University (B.A., 1999)

Oxford College of Emory
University (A.A., 1997)

An active member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, Blake currently serves as the co-chair of the Social Security and Workers' Compensation Law Committee. He previously served as co-chair of the Workers' Compensation Section. Blake also proudly served as Co-Chair for the Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund between 2010 and 2012 and helped coordinate numerous fundraising events for the purpose of raising scholarship funds for the organization.

When not working, Blake enjoys spending his time with his wife and daughter, cooking, reading and playing classical guitar.

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

E. Robert Williams Inn of Court,
Barrister

Florida Bar

Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund,
Inc., Jacksonville Division Co-
Chair, 2010-2012

Jacksonville Bar Association,
Social Security and Workers'
Compensation Law Committee
Co-Chair, 2025-2026

North Carolina Bar

YEAR JOINED

2024

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Workers'
Compensation Law, The Florida
Bar

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Blake J. Hood Appointed Co-Chair of Jacksonville Bar Association Committee

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July 10, 2025

Marshall Dennehey is pleased to announce that Blake J.

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Fifth District Court of Appeal Clarifies Civil Suit Bar: Workers Must First Seek Comp Benefits Before Suing Employers

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July 1, 2025

A three-judge panel of the Fifth District Court of Appeal issued an intriguing opinion concerning employers' civil suit immunity and compensability determinations. What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 29, No.

First District Court of Appeal Enforces Statutory Provision Divesting Judges of Compensation Claims of Subject Matter Jurisdiction

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June 1, 2025

In a per curiam opinion from the First District Court of Appeal on May 7, 2025, the court addressed what at first glance appeared to be an arcane case about collective bargaining agreements. What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 29, No.

Post-Accident Drug Testing and Consent: Evaluating Reasonable Suspicion Under Florida Workers' Compensation Law

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May 1, 2025

The claimant was injured in a workplace accident and subsequently hospitalized. What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 29, No.

First District Court of Appeal overturns attendant care award due to lack of specificity in judge's findings.

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April 1, 2025

The First District Court of Appeal overturned an award for nonprofessional attendant care because the judge of compensation claims failed to distinguish which services qualified for compensation under Florida law. What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 29, No.

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

"One Time Changes" in Medical Providers Under Florida Statutes Section 440.13(2)(f), Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Section Webinar, June 11, 2025

Hot Topics for Attorneys, Workers' Compensation Institute 77th Annual Workers' Compensation Educational Conference, Orlando, FL, August 2023

Repetitive Trauma, Exposure and Occupational Disease, The Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum, 2015-2017

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Repetitive Trauma, Exposure and Occupational Diseases," *The Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum Course Book*, 2015-2017

"Florida Common Law Jurisprudence," by Michael Cavendish and Blake J. Hood, *The Florida Bar Journal*, January 2007, Volume 81, No. 1, Page 8

