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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Rideshare Liability  
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability  
Property Litigation  
General Liability  
Product Liability  
Trucking & Transportation Liability  
Construction Injury Litigation  
Catastrophic Claims Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

Florida  
2001  
  
U.S. District Court Southern  
District of Florida  
2008

### EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law  
(J.D., cum laude, 2001)  
  
Rollins College (A.B., 1998)

### HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America®,  
Personal Injury Litigation -  
Defendants  
2023-2026

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar - Member, Workers'  
Compensation Section  
  
International Amusement and  
Leisure Defense Association, Inc. -  
Member  
  
Orange County Bar Association

### OVERVIEW

Tom is a member of the Casualty Department and serves as the Managing Attorney of the Orlando office. He devotes his practice to civil litigation defense, advocating for corporations in claims of premises liability, wrongful death and product liability. He has handled hundreds of cases on behalf of a variety of corporations, many involving catastrophic injuries. During his career, he also has handled cases involving employment law, labor law, negligent security, trucking and transportation, motor vehicle accidents, sexual abuse and workers' compensation. He also has experience handling cases involving allegations of mold resulting in personal injury and/or property damage. As part of his amusement and entertainment practice, Tom represents venues including theme parks, golf courses, water parks and retail stores. Tom is an active member of the International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association (IALDA).

Tom co-chairs the firms *Rideshare Liability* practice where he represents some of the nation's leading ridesharing companies, their independent drivers and insurance carriers. In this capacity, he assists in managing the unique legal issues that often arise with rideshare claims, including insurance coverage, direct and vicarious liability and statutory compliance challenges.

Tom began his career at a civil litigation firm in Miami where he worked with one of the presidents of the Florida Bar. In 2006, he moved to Orlando where he joined a statewide defense litigation firm. Tom continues to dedicate his practice to defending corporations in civil litigation here at Marshall Dennehey.

Tom obtained his undergraduate degree from Rollins College where he made Dean's List and President's List. In 2001, he graduated cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law. As a law student, he made Dean's List and earned the Dean's Certificate of Achievement as well as the CALI Excellence for the Future Award.

Tom is a member of the Florida Bar and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

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**YEAR JOINED**

2010

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

### **Marshall Dennehey Announces New Office Managing Attorneys in Orlando and Tampa**

January 12, 2026

Marshall Dennehey, a leading civil defense litigation law firm with four offices in Florida, announced today that shareholder Thomas F.

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### **Florida Appeals Court Upholds Lyft's Immunity Under TNC Statute in Wrongful Death Suit**

**Orlando**

**Rideshare Liability**

**January 1, 2026**

Florida's Third District Court of Appeal affirmed summary judgment in favor of Lyft in a wrongful death action stemming from an accident where a Transportation Network Company (TNC) driver collided with a motorcyclist.

### **Queens Court Declines to Dismiss Subrogation Action, Finding Issues of Control Over Uber Driver**

**Orlando**

**Rideshare Liability**

**October 1, 2025**

The Civil Court in Queens County, NY denied Uber's motion to dismiss a subrogation action stemming from a motor vehicle accident.

### **98 Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America**

August 20, 2025

Marshall Dennehey is proud to highlight the firm's 98 attorneys who have been recognized in the 2026 editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. Less than 6% of all practicing lawyers in the U.S.

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### **Federal Court Shields Lyft from Liability in Driver Altercation, Citing Independent Contractor Status**

**Orlando**

**Rideshare Liability**

**July 1, 2025**

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia granted summary judgment in favor of Lyft in a personal injury claim stemming from an altercation involving a Lyft driver. Case Law Alerts, 3rd Quarter, July 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent developments of interest to our readers.

## CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

*Mock Trial, Trial Run, Tabletop Role Playing – Guilty or Not Guilty?, Bus Industry Safety Council (BISC) Annual Summer Meeting, Orlando, FL, July 22, 2024*

*Sharing Economy: Carshare and Rideshare Litigation, Florida Defense Lawyers Association (FDLA) webinar, February 9, 2023*

*The Complexity of Rideshare Claims, AM Best Insurance Law Podcast, June 2021*

*Defending Catastrophic Injury Claims - How to Stack the Deck in Your Favor, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium – Casino Royale, Tampa, FL, September 20, 2018*

*Legal RoundTable, Amusement Industry Manufacturers & Suppliers International Conference, Orlando, FL, 2015*

*Blitz on Damages: Challenging Medical Bills, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium - The Best Defense is a Good Offense, Orlando, FL, September 17, 2014*

*Analyzing Slip and Fall Claims, Gallagher Bassett Services, April 2014, co-presenter*

*Legal Round Table, IAAPA Convention, 2012*

*Reducing The Risk & Severity of Claims, Athletic Business Conference, 2011*

*Roller Skating Association and International Laser Tag Association Convention, 2011*

*Legal Round Table, IAAPA Convention, 2011*

## PUBLISHED WORKS

"Defending Ride-Hailing and Car-Sharing Claims: Handling Accident-Related Lawsuits in a Shared Economy," *CLM Magazine*, January 2022

## RESULTS

### Successfully Resolved Highly-Publicized Wrongful Death Action in Florida

#### **Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability**

**April 27, 2024**

We successfully resolved a wrongful death case involving a 14-year-old boy who fell from an Orlando attraction, navigating a concurrent criminal investigation, state review, and intense media scrutiny on behalf of the ride's owner/operator.

#### **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Successfully resolved a wrongful death action involving a 14-year-old boy who tragically fell from an attraction at a major entertainment complex in Orlando, FL. Representing the ride's owner/operator, Tom was able to navigate the complexities of a concurrent criminal investigation, a State of Florida administrative review, and widespread international media coverage.

Obtained Judgment on the Pleadings on behalf of plaintiff's employer in a matter involving alleged intentional tort where demand was \$250,000.

Successfully argued a Motion to Dismiss for Fraud on the Court in a matter involving alleged electric shock where demand was over \$100,000.

Played an active role in the investigation, discovery, and motion phases of a product liability case that settled during deliberations in the second phase of trial where demand to jury was over \$500,000,000 but award against client after first phase of trial was less than \$50,000.

Prepared a successful Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on a negligent hiring and negligent supervision in a matter involving an employee that shot an innocent bystander, and the matter settled shortly thereafter.

Obtained defense verdict in workers' compensation case involving alleged permanent total disability.

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

*O'Rourke v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 65 So.3d 529 (Fla. 5th DCA 2011)*

*Edwards v. Cornelius, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 79587 (M.D. Fla. June 8, 2012)*

