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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Rideshare Liability
Property Litigation
General Liability
Product Liability

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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

C.A.L.I. Excellence for the
Future Award
2000

OVERVIEW

Tom 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, motor vehicle accidents, sexual abuse and workers' compensation. 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 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 Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A., 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.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Launches Rideshare Liability Practice Group

Rideshare Liability

March 29, 2021

In an effort to keep pace with clients' litigation needs in the sharing economy space, Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin has launched a new practice group within its Casualty Department: Rideshare Liability.

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Marshall Dennehey Announces New Shareholders, Special Counsel

January 2, 2014

Marshall Dennehey announced today that 16 attorneys, nearly half of them women, were elected shareholders of the firm at the annual shareholders' meeting held December 9 in Philadelphia.

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Smartphones & Social Media: Ensuring Risk-Management Policies Evolve With Technology

Orlando

Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability

October 1, 2013

It's Not All Fun and Games: Investigating Amusement Park Claims

Orlando

Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability

May 28, 2013

Premises Liability: Keeping Your Business Out of the Courtroom

Orlando

General Liability

Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability

May 17, 2013

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

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

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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)