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**The Florida Bar** (1982) U.S. District Courts, Southern and Middle

Districts of Florida (1983)

**U.S. Court of Appeals**, Eleventh Circuit (1983)

**United States Supreme Court** (1987)

**The Florida Bar Board Certified** Civil Trial Lawyer since 1989

**The Florida Bar Board Certified** in Business Litigation Law since 1997

**National Board of Trial Advocacy Board** Certified in Civil Trial since 1995 and

Civil Pretrial since 2012

# PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

**National Law Journal Elite Trial Lawyers:**

Top 50 in USA, 2015

**University of Miami School of Law: Adjunct Professor:**

1989 -2024, Trial Advocacy and Litigation Skills Programs - Pre-trial, Trial and Advanced Trial Skills courses, Mock trial team coach.

**Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated:**

(Highest) Listed in Registry of Preeminent Law Firms in Civil Trial, Insurance Defense and Personal Injury.

**Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated:**

The American Registry - AV 30th Preeminent 2023 Anniversary

**Leading Florida Attorney:**

American Research Corp, in Personal Injury Defense and Personal Injury.

**Top South Florida Lawyer:**

(Top 1%) by South Florida Legal Guide in Trial Practice – Wrongful Death - Personal Injury Defense & Insurance Coverage 2001-2018.

America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators® for Southern Florida in 2023

**Superlawyers:**

2006-2020 for Personal Injury Plaintiff, 2012 Superlawyers’ Blue Ribbon Panel.

**DEEHL Podcasts: Podbean 2021**

**Podcast: Topic: Life, The Law & Legal Issues: David Deehl 2021**

**Excellence in Professional Education Award:**

PESI, 1998

**South Florida Interprofessional Council:**

(President, 1989-90)

**Coral Gables Bar Association, Dade County Bar Association:**

(Executive Comm., 1989-90; Director, 1983-6, 1989-92 and 2007-8; Chair, Judicial Evaluation Comm., 1991-3; Race Director, Law Day Run, 1982-91; Features Editor, Bar Bulletin 1983-4, Civil Litigation Comm., 1997).

**Miami Dade Trial Lawyers Association:**

(President, 1993-94, Officer 90-93; Member: Board of Directors, 1983-1990; Chair: Presidential and Judicial Ball, 1989 & 1992.

**The Florida Bar:**

(Member: Civil Trial Certification 2007-12, exam reviewer 2018, Conference of Certification Committees 2011, Professional Ethics Committee, 1994-2003, Chair of Internet Access Subcommittee 1997-8, Health Law Comm., 1983-84, Trial Lawyers, Health Law and Family Law Sections. 11th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee K, 2016-2018) Author, The Florida Bar Journal; Lecturer, Commercial Lit., Bridge-the-Gap, Lecturer, Labor and Employment Law Section Seminar, Effectively Litigating Employment Law Cases, The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, 2017, Author, Ethics Certification Exam for Civil Trial 1992,3, and 2008- 2012, Appellate Reviewer, Certification, 1995-96, Delegate.

**The Florida Justice Association formerly the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers:**

Eagle member, Vice-Chair, Judicial Comp.1989, EAGLE RUN Race Director,

**The American Association of Justice:**

Former ATLA (Judge, Trial Competitions) Fellow, Roscoe Pound Institute (2002), ATLA Leaders Forum 2003-08.

**American Bar Association:**

1982-, Member, Council of TIPS, 2008- 2011, Chair, Plaintiffs Task Force (2007-8), Chair, Trial Techniques (2003-4), Chair, Enterprise Fund 2011-2012, Task Force on Disaster Insurance Coverage, Emerging Issues Committee, Medicine and Law Vice Chair, Property Insurance Law Committee; Ins. Coverage Lit. Committee, Litigation Section, Winner, 2004, Edmund Muskie Award (ABA TIPS’ highest - community service), Admiralty and Maritime Law, Chair, Enterprise Fund, 2011-12, Member and Chair, McKay Award Committee 2011-17, ABA Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee 2010-1013, ABA Uniform Law Commission, Study Committee on Jury Selection and Service, observer 2019-2020.

**Commission on the American Jury:**

2012-3, Chair, ABA Biennial Jury Symposium for 2014 in San Diego.

**NITA, Harvard Law School, May, 1992:**

Diploma in Teaching Advocacy Skills

**University of Miami School of Medicine:**

1993-95 Lecturer on Medical-Legal Issues to first year medical school class

**Lecturer:**

Use of PowerPoint, ABA Trial Techniques Seminars, CA (2001,3&4), Masters of Auto Tort Law Seminar – Direct Examination, Atlanta (2004) and ABA Mediation Seminar in Washington, DC 2002, YLD - Opening, Closing and Direct, Newport Beach, San Francisco, Montreal and Miami (2007) Anatomy of a Trial – Opening & Direct Examination 2009. Dispute resolution in the USA – Beijing China, ABA program at Tsinghua Law School, Sept. 2009, Direct Examination and Witness Preparation, ABA Young Lawyers Division 2012, Resort Torts moderator 2014, ATLA, “Closing the Circle: How to Give a Stunning Summation” (2000) Dade Legal Assistants – Ethics for Paralegals 2013.

**Lecturer:**

Brain Injury Cases and Trial Advocacy (1995), Dealing with Clever and Unfair Discovery Tactics (1994), Depositions: Strategies, Tactics and Mechanics (1990, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98), Evidence (1990), Experts (1996) How to Evaluate and Settle Personal Injury Claims (1991, 92, 93 and 94), Business Litigation (2002) for PESI (Tampa, Daytona and Orlando, Florida).

**Lecturer:**

AFTL – JFA - Cost Saving Measures in Handling Personal Injury Cases, AFTL Workhorse Seminar (1993), Preventing Interference during Depositions, AFTL Spring Seminar (1994), Direct and Cross Examination of Accident Reconstructionists, AFTL (1997), Videotaped Depositions, AFTL Colorado Seminar (1999), Effective use of E-mail AFTL Ft. Lauderdale (2001), PowerPoint at Trial (2003).

**Lecturer:**

Traumatic Brain Injury, DCTLA for Miami Children's Hospital (1994) “Insurance Bad Faith What It Is and Isn’t”, Monroe County Bar Association, Key West 2012, “Insurance Bad Faith” MyLaw CLE 2013.

**Lecturer:**

Rules of Conduct - Written Discovery (1994), for NEN, Depositions, Nashville, TN (1996), and Premises Liability (1996) and Insurance Coverage Law in Florida (1998, 2001 and 2007) Ethics in the Insurance Context 2007, Anatomy & Physiology 101 for NBI (2015). Evidence (2017) for NBI.

**Lecturer**:

Legal Considerations for Special Events Planning, New York University, 1989-90.

**Lecturer**:

Insurance Fraud, Alison Seminars, Miami, (1997).

**Lecturer**:

Law Applicable to Landscape Professionals in Florida, 2014, Fla Bar Speaker, Landscape Inspectors Association of FL.

**Presenter:**

Personal Injury Boot Camp Seminar, NBI (79817)

**Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention**

**American Business & Insurance:**

Attorneys and Insurance Law List.

**Guardian *ad litem:***

US District Court, Indiana - Ford/Firestone cases in South America.

**Special Magistrate:**

Commerciallitigation, discovery disputes. Expert witness, attorneys’ fees and insurance bad faith.

**Guardian *ad litem* and Special Guardian:**

Put Something Back Program, *Pro Bono* service recognition, Attorney Member of Foster Care Review Panel

**Historical Societies:**

US Supreme Court, Florida Supreme Court, Third DCA.

**Million Dollar Advocates Forum**

**Jury Verdict Research:**

Two of the Largest USA’s Plaintiffs Verdicts in 2008 - #10 and #37

**Preparing Your Experts for Virtual Testimony at Hearings and Trial FLMIC 2022**

**Speaker:** Animal Law Presented to NW Florida Paralegals 2022

# EDUCATION - PROFESSIONAL

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Juris Doctor, *cum laude*** - 1982

Trial Advocacy Program, Outstanding Advocate, 1982

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Advocacy Award Winner

Omicron Delta Kappa, 1981

Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities, 1981

Bar and Gavel Honorary Society, President

Student Bar Association, Senator

Amicus Curiae, Editor-in-Chief

# EDUCATION - UNDERGRADUATE

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Chemistry** – May, 1978

Class Vice President, Honor Council - Member and Advisor, Sigma Chi

# COMMUNITY - VOLUNTEER WORK

**COCONUT GROVE ARTS FESTIVAL – BOARD MEMBER**

**DIRECTOR OF RACE DEVELOPMENT – MIAMI RUNNERS CLUB –**

**FOUNDING RACE DIRECTOR - CORPORATE RUN**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER**

**MIAMI DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**JUSTICE TEACHING –**- **LEGAL MAGNET** **– 2009-2018 HAMMOCKS MIDDLE**

**CORAL REEF HIGH SCHOOL LEGAL MAGNET**

**CAREER DAY PRESENTATIONS**

**MOCK TRIAL TEAM COACH – HIALEAH - MIAMI LAKES HIGH SCHOOL**

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY – PRESIDENT EMERITUS, MIAMI ALUMNI STUDENT RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR, CORPS ADMISSIONS INTERVIEWER AND COLLEGE FAIR PRESENTER**