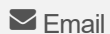


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He represents and advises clients in business litigation matters, as well as, defamation, First Amendment, antitrust, and intellectual property disputes. Jon regularly serves as local counsel for businesses sued or pursuing claims in all federal courts in Florida. He has assisted clients in a wide range of industries and areas, including traditional business contract disputes, shopping center development disputes, multimillion-dollar insurance coverage disputes, Florida derivative suits, and product labeling class actions.

Prior to entering private practice, Jon served as a law clerk to then-Chief Judge Anne C. Conway of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida and as a congressional aide to Congressman Jim Davis and press intern to U.S. Senator Patty Murray.

Jon graduated first in his class and Order of the Coif from University of Florida College of Law where he served as Editor in Chief of [The Florida Law Review](#), was an officer in Florida Blue Key, and was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame. Jon received his undergraduate degree in economics and romance languages from Washington & Lee University, where he graduated fifth in his class and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist.

Jon is an active member of the Young Ambassadors Council for The Florida House on Capitol Hill, the Federal Bar Association, and Washington & Lee's Florida West Coast Alumni Association board. He also serves on the board of trustees of All Saints Academy.



Representative Matters

Russell v. Waterman Broadcasting Corp, et al. (Fla. 20th Jud. Cir. 2019), obtained summary judgment for an investigative reporter in a public official defamation lawsuit brought by a state attorney regarding a broadcast documenting the high rate of unsolved homicides and whether the state attorney's prosecution policies was a contributing factor.

Discovery Communications, LLC v. Vette TV Productions et al. (N.D. Fla.)—IP, dismissing copyright claims and state law claims under the Florida Idea statute of frauds.

Folta v. The New York Times Co., et al. (N.D. Fla. 2019), obtained summary judgment for *The New York Times* and journalist Eric Lipton in a defamation lawsuit brought by a University of Florida professor regarding a news article documenting public academics' relationships with the biotechnology and organic food industries.

State Attorney's Office of 17th Jud. Cir. v. Cable News Network, Inc., ---So. 3d ---, 2018 WL 3569397 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018), *review denied* (Fla. 2018). On behalf of a consortium of media companies, obtained surveillance video of law enforcement's response to the Parkland school shooting. Trial court and appellate courts agreed with our arguments that a Public Records Act exemption for active criminal investigative information did not apply to the video, and that good cause supported release.

CNN v. Broward County Sheriff's Office (Fla. 17th Jud. Circ. 2018) On behalf of a consortium of media companies, obtained the release of surveillance video recordings over asserted exemptions in a high-profile criminal case.

Ayers v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, 2018 WL 375719 (M.D. Fla. 2018) Obtained order granting protective order and fees to preclude depositions of employees that were beyond scope of discovery.

Bond Safeguard Insurance Company v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., 2014 WL 5325728 (M.D. Fla. 2014) Obtained summary judgment in favor of Directors & Officers Liability carrier in a \$40 million-plus *Coblentz* enforcement action involving the application of an “arising out of” contract liability exclusion to a business dispute and a discussion of the *Daubert* deficiencies of a *Coblentz* expert opinion.

Represented Florida companies in Florida derivative suits and record inspections.

Represented media entities and journalists in defamation matters in multiple jurisdictions.

Represented a large, national department store in a contract dispute involving construction and development of a shopping center.

Handled breach of contract disputes on matters involving airplane leases, employment disputes, commercial loan disputes, multimillion dollar earnout disputes, subcontract agreements.

Represented companies in product labeling and insurance dispute class actions.

Counseled multi-national companies on antitrust concerns relating to supplier networks and franchising concerns.

Represented organizations and government entities and officials in election law matters.

Represented a contractor in a high-profile OSHA investigation.

Represented insurance companies in multimillion-dollar coverage disputes.

Represented media companies and public interest groups in Florida Public Records actions.

Represented media companies in copyright infringement actions.

Advised international clients on domestic and international law regarding vertical maximum pricing, trade association actions, supply pricing, exclusive alcohol distribution agreements, and joint purchasing agreements.

Advised medium-sized and large corporations, as well as closely-held and family businesses, on a variety of legal matters, including review and analysis of existing contracts and post-transaction analysis.

Represented the board of directors of a publicly traded company regarding potential derivative suit arising out of executive and director compensation.

Represented a seller of a health care staffing company in an earnout dispute.

Counseled clients on post-transaction contract enforcement provisions.

Appearances and Publications

Appearances

Moderator, "Florida's Constitutional Revision Commission: a Panel Discussion among Current Chairman, past Commissioners, and Scholars," The Florida House, Ponte Vedra, FL (Fall 2017).

Moderator, "Transportation: Florida's Next Economic Engine," The Florida House, Washington, DC (April 2015).

Moderator, "National Security in a Changing World: From the perspective of an academic, a general, a spy and Florida statesmen," Florida Law Review: The 2013 Allen L. Poucher Lecture Series, Gainesville, FL (October 2013).

Speaker, U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida 50th Anniversary Symposium (2012).

Speaker, Florida Second District Court of Appeal Swearing-In Ceremony (2011).

Speaker, University of Florida College of Law Graduation Speaker (2011).

Moderator/Interviewer, Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (2010).

Commencement Speaker, All Saints Academy Commencement (2006)

Publications

Judge Orders Release of Exterior Video Recordings in Parkland School Shooting, MLRC Media Law Letter, March 28, 2018

Second Order Logrolling: The Impact of Direct Legislative Amendments to State Constitutions, 41 Nova L. Rev. 23 (January 2017).

Why I Took Paternity Leave—And More Dads Should, TIME's Motto.com (September 8, 2016).

Secure Communications: How a Monthly Lunch Can Protect Your Company in a Data Breach, Public Relations Tactics PRSA (September 2015) (co-author).

A Kickstart to Business: Florida Joins Other States in Passing Intrastate Crowdfunding Exemption, JDsupra (July 2015).

The Efficient Market Theory—§10(b)'s Double-Edged Sword, JDsupra (May 2015).

Crisis Management: Five Steps to Take Before Providing That Comment, Expect Focus Vol. IV (Fall 2014) (co-author).

When the Battle Zone Comes Home: The Adjudication of American Citizens in Terrorism Cases, 15th Annual Conference on Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas, Center for Governmental Responsibility (April 2014) (co-authored with then-Chief Judge Anne C. Conway).

Co-Author, "Introduction to the Symposium: Fifty Years of Central Florida History Through the Lens of the Federal Courts," The Florida Historical Quarterly, Vol. 92.2 (Fall 2013).

The Kids are Not All Right: Mandating Peer Mediation as a Proactive Anti-Bullying Measure in Schools, 14 Cardozo J. of Conflict Resol. 81 (2012) ([ABA's James Boskey Dispute Resolution Award Winner](#)).

OWNER BEWARE: OSHA's Impact on Tort Litigation by Independent Contractors' Injured Employees against Business Premises Owners, 66 U. Miami L. Rev. 987 (2012).

PRIMARY PRACTICES

Civil and Commercial Litigation

Media Law

Defamation & Invasion of Privacy

Trademark & Copyright Infringement

Appellate Law

EDUCATION

JD, University of Florida (summa cum laude)

BA, Washington & Lee University (summa cum laude)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District Florida

U.S. District Court for the Southern District Florida

U.S. District Court for the Northern District Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

RECOGNITIONS

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars

2019 Tampa Magazine Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation & Transactions/UCC Law

University of Florida Alumni Association's Twenty Under 30 Gators to Watch

University of Florida Hall of Fame

Florida Blue Key

ABA James Boskey Award recipient

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

The Florida Bar

Hillsborough County Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

The Florida State Society (Washington, DC)

Washington & Lee University, Florida West Coast Chapter, President

Washington & Lee University's Williams School Young Alumni Council

The Florida Bar Constitutional Judiciary Standing Committee (2011-2014)