

LEWIS W. (“WIL”) MURPHY, JR.

Curriculum Vitae

Lewis W. (“Wil”) Murphy, Jr. has been a life-long resident of Vero Beach, and following graduation from Emory University (1998) and the University of Florida College of Law (1991), Wil returned to practice law with what was then the largest law firm in the Treasure Coast. Wil concentrated his practice on litigation, and that law firm later became known as Moss, Henderson, Blanton, Lanier, Kretschmer & Murphy, P.A. During his over twelve years with Moss, Henderson, Wil litigated personal injury, wrongful death, and commercial cases from the Florida Keys to the Georgia border. In 2004, Wil joined with Casey Walker to establish a law firm dedicated exclusively to litigation and trial practice.

Wil has been recognized as a Board Certified Specialist in both Civil Trial and Business Litigation by The Florida Bar, and Board Certification is the highest level of recognition by The Florida Bar for competency and experience. Of the over 100,000.00 members of The Florida Bar, approximately 5,000 are Board Certified, of which less than 1,000 are certified in Civil Trial Law and less than 250 certified in Business Litigation. Less than 1% of all attorneys in Florida enjoy this dual Board Certification recognition. Board Certification is intended to assist consumers with identifying attorneys who have demonstrated considerable ability and experience in specialized fields. Passing a rigorous examination, favorable evaluation by judges and other attorneys, participation in significant continuing legal education, and substantial experience in the specialty of Civil Trial Law and Business Litigation are required for Board Certification in both of these areas of expertise.

Additionally, Wil has been recognized by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA), now known as the National Board of Legal Speciality Certification, as a Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate. The NBTA is accredited by the American Bar Association to certify trial attorneys throughout the United States following peer review, examination, and substantial experience in a career concentrating in Civil Trial Law. Presently, there are less than 250 NBTA Board Certified Civil Trial Advocates in Florida.

Wil has been inducted as an Advocate into the invitation-only American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and has long enjoyed an AV-rating by the *Martindale-Hubbell* Law Directory rating system. The AV-rating can be awarded only after *Martindale-Hubbell* solicits confidential opinions from members of the bar and the judiciary on the legal ability and ethics of an attorney being reviewed for a rating. The AV-rating reflects an attorney who has reached the height of professional excellence, and represents the highest rating awarded by *Martindale-Hubbell*, the respected source of authoritative information about members of the legal profession for over 130 years. *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine* has consistently recognized Wil as the top 5% of Florida attorneys in the practice area of personal injury - plaintiff, business litigation, and professional liability - defense. Additionally, Wil has been recognized annually by *Florida Trend* in its “Legal Elite” publication.

Memberships include The Florida Bar (1991), for which he serves as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar (2012-), a member on the Civil Trial Certification Committee (2010-2013), and he was also appointed to serve on the Professionalism Committee for The Florida Bar by the President of The Bar (2007-2010). Wil served as President of the Indian River County Bar Association (2005-2006), and also was nominated to serve as Chairperson for the 19th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee (1996-1999). As a member of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (1992), U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (1993), U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit (1993), U.S. District Court, Trial Bar of the Southern District of Florida (1994), and the U.S. Supreme Court (1996), Wil is prepared to litigate complex claims throughout the State and Federal Courts.

In addition to his extensive trial and litigation practice, Wil has represented a number of clients in their appeals to the District Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Florida. Among Wil’s published decisions are the following: *Liese v. Indian River Memorial Hospital*, 701 F.3d 1212 (11th Cir. 2012); *Hussamy v. Rose*, 916 So.2d 785 (Fla. 2005); *Indian River Memorial Hospital v. Browne*, 44 So.3d 237 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010); *Reimbursement Recovery, Inc. v. IRMC*, 22 So.3d 679 (Fla. 4th DCA 2009); *Deloach v. Nance, Cacciatore*, 788 So.2d 986 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001); *Mason v. Warner, Fox*, 781 So.2d 375 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001); *Humana Medical Plan, Inc. v. Fischman*, 750 So.2d 677 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999); *Baldwin Sod Farms, Inc. v. Corrigan*, 746 So.2d 1198 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999); *Hasburgh v. WJA Realty*, 697 So.2d 219 (Fla. 4th DCA 1997); *Johnson v. Treasure Coast Plaza, Ltd.*, 670 So.2d 1199 (Fla. 4th DCA 1996).

Wil’s commitment to civil trial and litigation goes beyond the courtroom. Wil volunteers his time and energy to various non-profit agencies around the State and in the Treasure Coast. For example, Wil was appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida (2013-) and the Board of Directors for the Backus Museum (2014-); served as an Executive Committee Member of the Indian River Medical Center Foundation (2003-2009); Director and Vice President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County (1999-2003); Trustee and Chair of the Community Church (1998-2001; 2007-2010; 2016-2019); and Director and Treasurer of the Education Foundation of Indian River County (1996-1999).