

# **BRIAN R. DENNEY**

## **PERSONAL**

Born in West Palm Beach, Florida

Married to Rosemary Bonilla Denney

Children: Juliana Elizabeth Denney

## **EDUCATION**

**Stetson University College of Law**, St. Petersburg, FL

*Juris Doctor* – May, 2000 (With Honors)

- Victor O. Wehle Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
- National Dean's List
- Phi Delta Phi
- Pinellas Association for Retarded Children Volunteer
- University College of London  
(Summer 1998)

**Stetson University**, Deland, FL

*Bachelor of Arts, Sociology; Business Law minor* – May, 1997

- Outstanding Senior Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology
- Student Judicial Council 1995-1996
- Vice President Engineered Leadership Development - Delta Sigma Phi Social Fraternity
- President – Delta Sigma Phi pledge class
- Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honorary Fraternity
- International Business Seminar: *France, England, Italy, Hungary*

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL**

*Associate*, May, 2007 to present

- Attorney representing victims of personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, property damage and defective products
- Trial counsel in \$720, 611.02 verdict in Palm Beach County
- Trial counsel in \$21,496,943.00 verdict in Escambia County
- Trial counsel in \$1,094,034.33 verdict in Palm Beach County
- Trial counsel in \$3,155,682.00 verdict in Palm Beach County
- Trial counsel in \$823,342.00 verdict in Broward County representing 50 times the amount offered by the defense before trial
- Trial counsel in \$2,100,000.00 medical malpractice case in Broward County (settled during trial)
- Presented claims bill argument before Florida Legislature Special Masters in Tallahassee resulting in passage of \$3,900,000.00 claims bill
- \$16,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Monroe County wrongful death case
- \$1,750,000.00 confidential settlement in Broward County wrongful death case
- \$3,000,000.00 confidential medical malpractice settlement on behalf of brain damaged baby girl in Hillsborough County

### **Bavol Judge, P.A., Tampa, FL**

*Shareholder*, June, 2004 – May, 2007

- Defense of licensed health care providers in all manner of civil litigation including oral and maxillofacial surgeons, dentists, physical therapists, CRNAs and certified nurse midwives
- Defense of national medical device manufacturers and their agents in various products liability litigation
- Shared responsibility for firm management

### **Fowler, White, Boggs, Banker, Tampa, FL**

*Associate*, Litigation Department 2000-2004

- First chaired several cases to verdict, obtaining favorable results for clients
- Worked up numerous other cases for trial as lead counsel prior to settlement
- Full general litigation case load including premises liability, products liability, automotive, property and medical malpractice
- Given full responsibility for all facets of civil litigation case load including trials, depositions, mediations, motion practice and hearings in state and federal courts

### **United States District Court – Middle District of Florida, 1999**

*Law Clerk* - Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr.

- Drafted proposed judicial opinions and court orders
- Conducted extensive legal research in numerous areas of federal law

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Florida Bar
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Palm Beach County Bar Association Personal Injury/Wrongful Death CLE Committee
- Palm Beach County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
- Palm Beach County Justice Association
- South Florida Legal Guide “Top Up & Comer” 2009 and 2010
- 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Café Joshua Committee
- 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Youth Court Committee
- Florida Justice Association

- Former member of Ferguson-White Inn of Court (Recipient of “Best Program” award)
- Southern District of Florida
- Middle District of Florida
- Northern District of Florida
- Young Friends of the Norton Museum of Art Committee
- 2010 Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Workers Compensation and Immunity Seminar – *Intentional Torts and Coverage B* – June, 2002
- The Business of Insurance in Florida Seminar – *Technology Update* – 2001
- Moderator - *2010 Electoral Candidates Forum organized by the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association, Grandview Heights Citizens Association, Pineapple Park Neighborhood Association, and Sunshine Park Neighborhood Association involving local primary elections.*
- Florida Justice Association Mock Trial Competition in Tampa, Florida, *Presiding Judge*, November, 2010.
- Palm Beach County Justice Association SCOPE Seminar - *Strategies on Cross-Examining the Opposing Professional Examiners*, December, 2010.
- Florida Alliance of Retired Americans – *Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer’s Perspective*, December, 2010.
- Council of School Supervisors & Administrators - *Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer’s Perspective*, February, 2011
- Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar – *How to avoid “Gotcha” Moments and other Pitfalls at Trial*, February, 2011.