BRIAN R. DENNEY

# PERSONAL

Mr. Denney is a West Palm Beach native and lives with his wife, four children and two dogs.

# 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

*Shareholder,* May 2007 to present

* Attorney representing victims of personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, property damage and defective products
* $38,250,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* Trial counsel in $21,496,943.00 verdict in Escambia County tobacco case
* $16,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Monroe County wrongful death premises liability case
* $16,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Pinellas County medical malpractice case
* Trial counsel in $10,000,000.00 wrongful death verdict in Volusia County (largest wrongful death verdict in Volusia County history)
* $9,200,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* $8,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical

malpractice case

* $7,500,000.00 confidential settlement in Orange County theme park liability case
* $7,549,000.00 confidential settlement in Dade County medical malpractice case
* $6,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County negligent security case involving brain injury
* $6,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Dade County products liability case
* $6,100,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical negligence case involving brain damage as a result of brain surgery
* $5,900,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County liquor liability (dram shop) case
* $5,000,000.00 confidential settlement against multi-national product manufacturer for defective airbag injury
* $4,875,000.00 confidential settlement in Martin County medical malpractice case
* $4,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* Presented claims bill argument before Florida Legislature Special Masters in Tallahassee resulting in passage of $3,900,000.00 claims bill
* Trial counsel in $3,509,471.88 verdict in Highlands County tobacco case
* $3,500,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* Trial counsel in $3,220,000.00 verdict in Palm Beach County automobile negligence case with pre-trial offer of $50,000.00
* Trial counsel in $3,155,682.00 verdict in Palm Beach County
* $3,000,000.00 confidential medical malpractice settlement on behalf of brain damaged baby girl in Hillsborough County
* $3,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Martin County medical malpractice case
* $2,414,000.00 confidential settlement in Sarasota County maritime liability case
* $2,150,000.00 settlement in Broward County automobile negligence case
* Trial counsel in $2,100,000.00 medical malpractice case in Dade County (settled during trial)
* $1,810,000.00 settlement in Orange County theme park case
* $1,750,000.00 confidential settlement in Broward County wrongful death case
* $1,500,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County automobile negligence case
* $1,375,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* $1,265,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* $1,260,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County automobile vs. pedestrian case
* $1,250,000.00 confidential settlement in Collier County automobile negligence case involving knee injuries
* Trial counsel in $1,094,034.33 verdict in Palm Beach County
* $1,000,000.00 settlement in uninsured motorist automobile negligence case in Palm Beach County after zero offers before trial date
* $1,000,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County premises liability case involving bicyclist
* $1,000,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County slip and fall case
* $950,000.00 confidential settlement in Marion County medical malpractice case involving failure to timely diagnose Stevens Johnson Syndrome
* $875,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
* Trial counsel in $823,342.00 verdict in Broward County representing 50 times the amount offered by the defense before trial
* $750,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile v. bicycle case
* $750,000.00 confidential settlement in Duval County for medical malpractice
* Trial counsel in $720, 611.02 verdict in Palm Beach County
* $600,000.00 settlement in Dade County case involving tree falling onto vehicle
* $600,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile vs. pedestrian case including knee replacement surgery
* $500,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical negligence case regarding failure to diagnose cancer case representing policy limits available
* Trial counsel in $500,000.00 medical malpractice verdict in Palm Beach County
* $400,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County uninsured motorist case involving non-surgical neck and back injuries
* $350,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County involving injury sustained during photography session
* $350,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County uninsured motorist case
* $300,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile v. pedestrian case resulting in shoulder surgery
* $300,000.00 confidential settlement in Hillsborough County liquor liability case

**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 AND HONORS

* + Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer (since 2012)
  + Member -American Board of Trial Advocates (since 2013)

(President- Palm Beach Chapter 2024-2025)

* + Best Lawyers in America - 2015 to present
  + Super Lawyers – 2013 to present
  + Nation's Top One Percent- National Association of Distinguished Counsel
  + Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee Member (2015 - 2020)
  + Chairperson - Palm Beach County Circuit Civil Practice Committee (2016- 2017)
  + Palm Beach County Bar Association
  + Palm Beach County Justice Association
  + Florida Justice Association
  + National Trial Lawyers “Top 40 Under 40”, 2012-2013
  + 2012 Florida Trend's “Legal Elite”
  + Palm Beach County Bar Association Personal Injury/Wrongful Death CLE Committee, 2012
  + Palm Beach County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
  + South Florida Legal Guide “Top Up & Comer” 2009 and 2010
  + 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Cafe Joshua Committee
  + 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Youth Court Committee
  + Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court, 2011
  + 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
  + Board of Directors – Memorial Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach

# SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

* + Florida Justice Association – Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Case, 2024
  + Speaker – ABOTA James Otis Lecture Series, 2024
  + Guest lecturer Pre-Law and Pre-Med classes - The King’s Academy – Medical Malpractice, 2024
  + Carver Middle School Mock Trial Volunteer - 2024
  + Florida Justice Association Masters of Justice Seminar - Autonomous Vehicles, Who is in the Driver's Seat? September, 2016
  + AIEG Fall Seminar - Consumer Products Roundtable Speaker - Exploding E Cigarette Batteries, October, 2015
  + Golden Lakes Retirement Community -Auto Accidents and Prevention, October, 2015
  + Workers Injury Law and Advocacy Group 2013 Annual Convention - Trial Tactics, October, 2013
  + Florida Justice Association Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute- Direct Examination of an Expert Witness, August, 2013
  + Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar - How to avoid "Gotcha" Moments and other Pitfalls at Trial, February, 2011.
  + Council of School Supervisors & Administrators - Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer's Perspective, February, 2011
  + Florida Alliance of Retired Americans - Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer's Perspective, December, 2010.
  + Palm Beach County Justice Association SCOPE Seminar - Strategies on Cross- Examining the Opposing Professional Examiners, December, 2010.
  + Florida Justice Association Mock Trial Competition in Tampa, Florida, Presiding Judge, November, 2010.
  + 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.
  + The Business of lnsurance in Florida Seminar - Technology Update – 2001
  + Workers Compensation and Immunity Seminar - *Intentional Torts and Coverage B* - June, 2002