

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
- \$18,500,000.00 confidential settlement in theme park liability wrongful death 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
- \$11,000,000 confidential settlement in Duval County wrongful death premises liability case

- \$10,000,000 confidential settlement in Duval County wrongful death medical malpractice case
- \$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
- \$3,509,471.88 verdict in Highlands County tobacco case
- \$3,500,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical malpractice case
- \$3,220,000.00 verdict in Palm Beach County automobile negligence case with pre-trial offer of \$50,000.00
- \$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
- \$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
- \$988,531.84 binding arbitration award in nursing home negligence 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
- \$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
- \$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
- \$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 Insurance in Florida Seminar - Technology Update – 2001
- Workers Compensation and Immunity Seminar - *Intentional Torts and Coverage B* - June, 2002