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CAMERON KENNEDY

is a shareholder with Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA. Throughout his career, Cameron has dedicated himself to representing clients in cases across the State of Florida and throughout the Southeastern United States. As a trial attorney with an unparalleled work ethic and attention to detail, Cameron has recovered more than \$100 million dollars on behalf of his clients, including many multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements in cases involving dangerous and defective products, complex commercial litigation, insurance disputes, commercial truck and

motor vehicle accidents, medical negligence, and industrial accidents. In 2023, Cameron was awarded the prestigious honor of being named *Lawyer of the Year* by *U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers in America*. He was also included as one of the Florida Legal Elite in *Florida Trend Magazine* and was named one of the “Top 40 under 40” trial lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers in 2017, a professional organization comprised of America’s top trial attorneys. Cameron is a fourth generation Floridian and was born and raised in Tallahassee. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Florida State University. Cameron volunteers his time and supports numerous non-profit organizations committed to advancing community causes, helping the disabled and disadvantaged. Cameron, his wife and their two sons live in Tallahassee, Florida.

CAMERON M. KENNEDY
CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL:

Born March 29, 1979
 Tallahassee, Florida

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate,
Florida State University Law School 2005
 Honors & Awards
 President Mock Trial Team, 2004-2005
 Best Advocate Award Mock Trial, 2004
Bachelor of Science,
Florida State University 2002

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Florida Bar 2006 – present
 Member, Trial Lawyers Section
- Lawyer of the Year – U.S. News & World Report 2023
- The National Trial Lawyers – “Top 40 under 40” 2017
- Florida Trend – Legal Elite 2016
- Florida Justice Association 2007 – Present
 {Formerly the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers}
 Member Board of Directors 2009 – 2018
 Distinguished Fellows 2015 – Present
 Florida Justice Association, Shoe Leather Award 2010
 EAGLE Member 2008 – Present
- American Association of Justice 2008 – Present
 {Formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America}
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum Inducted, 2009
- Florida Super Lawyer 2011 – Present
- Capital City Justice Association
 Founding Member 2010 – Present
- Tallahassee Bar Association 2006 – Present

LAW PRACTICE

Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. 2011 – Present
 {Shareholder}

Corry & Kennedy, P.A. 2008 – 2011
 {Partner}

Law Office of William W. Corry, P.A. 2005 – 2008
 {Associate}

CIVIC ACTIVITIES & CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

North Florida Legal Services
Guardian Ad Litem Program
Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend

Notable Cases

Mr. Kennedy has achieved numerous multi-million-dollar jury verdicts and settlements. Some of these cases include:

Tuner Leaj Kelly Sam vs. Propane Gas Corporation

\$31,570,951.58 – settled September 2018

confidentiality order – personal injury/industrial accident

Improper handling and releasing vapor propane gas at a propane tank exchange facility in violation of numerous OSHA regulations and NFPA standards and codes. The enormous and unexpected explosion and flash fire severely burned our clients.

Fries vs. Bioenergy Plant Manufacturer

\$13,000,000.00 – settled December 2012

confidentiality order – wrongful death/product liability

Negligent design and installation of a component part used to operate a Bioenergy Plant. The faulty component part was part of the Bioenergy Plant's furnace and hot ash collection and conveyer system. Due to the negligent design and installation of the component part, it failed during normal operations and caused an enormous and unexpected release of steam and heat that severely burned our client.

Cantrell v. Assisted Living Memory Care Center

\$10,500,000.00 - settled August 2022

Confidentiality order – wrongful death

Assisted Living Memory Care Center neglect of a senior citizen residing in a dedicated memory care center for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease. By failing to provide adequate supervision and support, the resident was able to elope from the facility, walk out the front door unnoticed, and remain missing for two weeks until he was found deceased a quarter of a mile from the assisted living facility.

Zablidowsky v. Trucking Company and Supply Chain Corporation

\$10,000,000.00 –settled April 2022

Confidentiality order – wrongful death

Motor vehicle crash caused by a commercial semi-truck driver that veered off the highway and crashed into a vehicle stopped on the shoulder of the road to change a flat tire. Improper brokerage of transportation of goods in interstate commerce by unlawfully arranging transportation by supply chain corporation in violation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Stafford vs. Real Estate Developer, Engineering Firm, and Homeowners Association

\$9,400,000.00 – settled August 2017

confidentiality order – personal injury/spinal cord injury

Negligent design and construction of a bicycle and pedestrian boardwalk in a gated resort and residential community in the Florida Gulf Coast Panhandle. The elevated boardwalk had been negligently designed and constructed in manner that failed to meet the minimum regulatory and building code requirements for protective railings. As a result, our client fell approximately six feet to ground below where the impact caused a spinal cord injury at the 12th thoracic vertebra rendering her a paraplegic.

Bennett vs. Hospital and Physicians

\$7,000,000.00 – settled February 2015

confidentiality order – medical negligence/personal injury/birth trauma

Medical negligence and mismanagement of a 37-week pregnant mother with a placental abruption. By failing to perform a timely cesarean section, the baby suffered severe brain damage from lack of oxygen causing hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, cerebral palsy and developmental delays.

Hall vs. Hospital and Physicians

\$6,000,000.00 – settled January 2016

confidentiality order – medical negligence/personal injury

Partial paralysis cauda equina syndrome caused by the emergency department personnel and radiologist's failure to properly assess and timely diagnosis a patient presenting to the hospital following a motor vehicle accident with transverse vertebral fracture of the lumbar spine involving retropulsion of a bone fragment into the spinal canal.

Petraskiewchz vs. Surgical Center

\$6,000,000.00 – settled October 2015

confidentiality order – medical negligence/personal injury

Partial paralysis following back surgery caused by a dura laceration, surgical hematoma, improper post-operative assessment and discharge from ambulatory surgical center, followed by failure to timely recognize and surgically evacuate the hematoma causing nerve root impingement and pressure on the spinal cord.

Buchanan vs. Phillip Morris USA and Liggett Group, LLC

\$5,500,000.00 - jury verdict November 2012

wrongful death/product liability

Jury verdict following product liability trial in one of the individual *Engle* progeny cases stemming from the landmark 2006 Florida Supreme Court case decertifying a class action originally brought by Howard Engle, a Miami Beach pediatrician who suffered injuries caused by the health effects of cigarette smoking.

Hatchett v. Bar Owners

\$4,527,500.00 – settled January 2021

confidentiality order – dram shop liability/wrongful death

Action pursuant to Florida's "dram shop" statute, Section 768.125, stemming from a fatal boating accident caused by an intoxicated vessel operator who was over served alcohol during a pub crawl in a beach community in Florida.

Hall vs. All Florida Fire Equipment Company

\$4,000,000.00 – settled August 2022

personal injury/negligent and defective installation of a fire suppression equipment

Second and third-degree burns caused by the negligent and defective installation of fire suppression system to a commercial restaurant oven and grill in violation of ANSI standards and the Florida's Fire Code. The flash fire and explosion occurred when the owner/operator of a retail food truck attempted to use the newly installed system for the first time and propane gas leaked inside the food truck and ignited during cooking operations.

Askew vs. Tire Manufacturer

\$3,600,000.00 – settled July 2015

confidentiality order – product liability/wrongful death

Motor vehicle accident, tire tread separation from a defectively manufactured tire resulting in multicar accident on the interstate causing fatal injuries.

Acosta v. Manufacturing Plant

\$3,250,000.00 – settled May 2020

confidentiality order – negligent maintenance and operation of commercial manufacturing press

Double hand amputation caused by negligent maintenance and operation of a commercial manufacturing press used to stamp metal lids for 50-gallon drums.

Branch Bynoe vs. Automobile Manufacturer

\$3,000,000.00 – settled July 2018

confidentiality order – product liability/personal injury

Severe orthopedic injuries suffered by the driver and passenger of a passenger car caused by a sudden unintended acceleration defect.

Hope vs. Commercial Delivery Company

\$2,850,000.00 – settled June 2016

Confidentiality order – wrongful death

Motor vehicle crash caused by a commercial semi-truck driver that failed to keep a proper lookout and crashed into the rear of a dump truck traveling at night.

Armstrong vs. Utility Transformer Manufacturer

\$2,850,000.00 - settled October 2012

confidentiality order - wrongful death/product liability

Electrical explosion caused by a defective component part of a utility power transformer causing an unexpected explosion resulting in our client suffering fatal burns.

Leaton vs. physician and hospital

\$2,300,000.00 - settled July 2012

confidentiality order - medical negligence/personal injury

Anoxic brain injury suffered by a patient caused by oxygen deprivation resulting from misplacement of an endotracheal tube into the patient's esophagus instead of the trachea following a near drowning at a public beach.

Joassaint vs. Commercial Vehicle

\$2,000,000.00 – settled August 2019

confidentiality order – wrongful death/commercial vehicle negligence

Motor vehicle crash caused by a commercial semi-truck driver who failed to maintain a proper lookout and safe distance from vehicles traveling on the highway resulting in a rear-end collision.

Clark vs. Children's Hospital

\$2,000,000.00 – settled February 2017

Wrongful death of a 3-month-old baby caused by the failure to properly titrate sodium replacement for hyponatremia resulting in fatal brain damage caused by central pontine myelinolysis

Kiel vs. Hospital and Physician

\$1,950,000.00 - settled July 2012

confidentiality order - medical negligence/wrongful death

Failure to properly diagnoses and surgically repair an aortic dissection resulting in cardiac tamponade and cardiac arrest.

Ratliff vs. Commercial Delivery Company

\$1,750,000.00 - settled February 2017

Confidentiality order – wrongful death/vehicle accident

Motor vehicle crash caused by a commercial delivery truck driver that failed to yield right of way while attempting to cross a four-lane divided highway causing a collision.

Clark vs. Mohawk

\$1,500,000.00 - settled February 2013

Semi-truck/vehicle accident/personal injury

Orthopedic injuries suffered during a motor vehicle crash caused by a diabetic semi-truck driver who failed to maintain proper blood sugar and failed to maintain a safe distance from vehicles traveling on the highway resulting in a rear-end collision during heavy traffic.

Carter vs. Automobile Manufacturer

\$1,240,000.00 - settled January 2013

confidentiality order - wrongful death/product liability

Fatal cervical spine injuries suffered by the driver of a sport-utility vehicle caused by roof crush injuries during a rollover accident.

Thompson vs. FMP, Thyssenkrupp, Jones Lang

\$1,215,000.00 - settled July 2013

defective escalator hand rail/improper maintenance/personal injury

Orthopedic injuries suffered by a man while riding on a vertical escalator that abruptly malfunctioned due to negligent maintenance and repairs.

Pittman vs. Trucking Company

\$1,015,000.00 - settled July 2008

confidentiality order – semi truck/vehicle accident/personal injury

Orthopedic injuries suffered during a motor vehicle crash caused by a fatigued semi-truck driver who failed to remain alert causing a collision on the interstate.

Gafney vs. RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company

\$1,000,000.00 - jury verdict February 2019

wrongful death/product liability

Jury verdict following product liability trial in one of the individual *Engle* progeny cases stemming from the landmark 2006 Florida Supreme Court case decertifying a class action originally brought by Howard Engle, a Miami Beach pediatrician who suffered injuries caused by the health effects of cigarette smoking.