

DONALD J. WARD III

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Born November 17, 1985, in Norfolk, VA
Married to Abbey L. Ward
Children: Jack & Lilly

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, 2011

Student Bar Association

Vice-President, 2010-2011

Phi Alpha Delta

President, 2009-2010

Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic

Mediator, 2009-2011

Galilee (Group Alternative Live-in Legal Education)

Coordinator, 2009-2010

Research Assistant to Prof. Vincent R. Johnson, Torts, 2009

Dean's List

Student Ambassador

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts, History and Religious Studies, 2008

Dean's List

Study Abroad

University College, University of Oxford, UK, 2007

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

FLORIDA, 2011

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 2012

VIRGINIA, 2018

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, 2011

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, 2011

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, 2012

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, 2016

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL
Shareholder, January 2020 – Present
Associate, September 2011 – December 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer (June 2024 – Present)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

The Best Lawyers in America© (2021 – Present)

Listed in: Personal Injury Litigation
 Product Liability litigation
 Medical Malpractice Law

The Best Lawyers – *The Injury and Malpractice Issue*
 Inaugural Edition (2021) – Present

Palm Beach Illustrated – Top Lawyers (2023 - 2024)

Florida Super Lawyers – Rising Star (2013 - Present)

National Trial Lawyers – Top 40 Under 40 (2014 - Present)

National Trial Lawyers – Top 25 Medical Malpractice (2022- Present)

Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators – South Florida (2018 – Present)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Florida Bar

Admitted on 9/26/2011

The District of Columbia Bar

Admitted on 9/7/2012

The Virginia Bar

Admitted on 6/5/2018

Palm Beach County Justice Association

Immediate Past President, 2023

President, 2022

President-Elect, 2021

Treasurer, 2020

Secretary, 2019

Executive Board of Directors, 2019 – 2023

Golf Committee Chair, 2018 – 2020; 2023

Seminar Committee Co-Chair, 2015 - 2016

Board of Directors, 2014 – Present

Florida Justice Association

Board of Directors, Young Lawyers Section, 2012-2014

EAGLE Member

The National Trial Lawyers

Palm Beach County Bar Association

American Association for Justice

American Bar Association

Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

Order of St. Thomas More – Notre Dame Law School

The Rotunda Society – University of Virginia

PUBLICATIONS

“Is the Irreversible TRULY Unforeseeable: The Law of Suicide Prevention,”
Journal, Florida Justice Association, March 2014.

VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS

Since Mr. Ward joined the firm, he has recovered in excess of \$150 million dollars on behalf of his clients. Some of the cases include:

<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$28,068,497	May, 2019	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> \$8,900,000	April, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> \$7,250,000	October, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Estate of Matthew Searcy vs. USA: Auto Wrongful Death</u> \$7,200,000	December, 2020	Southern District of Florida
<u>Thaddeus Agnew, et. al. vs. Keeler Roofing, LLC</u> \$7,020,863 – Jury verdict with 80% fault on Defendant - intersection collision resulting in vision loss with pretrial offer of \$300,000. April, 2023		Alachua County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> \$6,610,000	June, 2024	Polk County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$6,000,000	January, 2019	Palm Beach County
<u>Workplace Accident: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u> \$3,800,000	August, 2022	Polk County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> \$2,950,000	January, 2023	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Auto Liability: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u> \$2,300,000	July, 2015	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> \$2,250,000	August, 2024	Palm Beach County

<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u>	Palm Beach County
\$2,220,000 May, 2022	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u>	Palm Beach County
\$1,389,507 February, 2024	
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u>	Broward County
\$1,300,000 August, 2021	
<u>Estate of Joan Litz vs. Hien Van Nguyen: Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$1,285,000 January, 2021	
<u>Yawn vs. AIG Property Casualty Company: Motorcycle Crash</u>	Miami-Dade County
\$1,270,000 August, 2015	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Broward County
\$1,099,998 February, 2023	
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u>	Broward County
\$1,055,000 February, 2024	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$1,025,000 September, 2018	
<u>Confidential Trucking Liability</u>	Pasco County
\$1,006,371.90 September, 2023	
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$1,000,000 April, 2022	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u>	Martin County
\$1,000,000 September, 2022	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u>	Palm Beach County
\$1,000,000 February, 2023	
<u>Holmberg vs. E-Scapes Lawn Care, Inc., et. al.: Auto Liability</u>	Duval County
\$950,000 October, 2015	
<u>Confidential Ophthalmological Malpractice</u>	Pinellas County
\$950,000 July, 2016	
<u>Collier vs. J.C. Penney: Premises Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$824,200 – Jury verdict - slip/fall causing back injury with a pretrial offer of \$60,000.	
May, 2012	

<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> \$800,000	December, 2012	Duval County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$800,000	February, 2024	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> \$775,000	February, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Kazen vs. Grisetti, et. al.: Auto Liability</u> \$750,000	March, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Myers vs. Allstate Insurance, et. al.: Auto Liability</u> \$750,000	July, 2021	Martin County
<u>Confidential Trucking Liability</u> \$750,000	October, 2023	Sarasota County
<u>Confidential Trucking Liability</u> \$725,000	August, 2022	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Elder Neglect</u> \$700,000	January, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> \$675,000	January, 2016	Broward County
<u>Putnik vs. Kingstone, et. al.: Auto Liability</u> \$667,000	February, 2021	Palm Beach County
<u>Professional Negligence vs. Insurance Agent</u> \$650,000	April, 2015	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> \$650,000	January, 2021	Pinellas County
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> \$650,000	July, 2024	Martin County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$650,000	August, 2024	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Products Liability</u> \$625,000	March, 2017	Brevard County

<u>Paiz vs. Deblois: Auto vs. Pedestrian</u>	Broward County
\$612,000 – Jury verdict with 65% fault on Defendant - automobile vs. pedestrian crash with a pretrial offer of \$20,000.	
April, 2023	
<u>Depencier vs. Ventura: Auto Liability</u>	Hillsborough County
\$600,000	
October, 2013	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Osceola County
\$600,000	
February, 2024	
<u>Estate of Enyelson Feliz vs. Pantoja Estrada, et. al.</u>	Miami-Dade County
\$595,000	
September, 2021	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$587,500	
February, 2024	
<u>Confidential Liquor Liability vs. Gas Station</u>	Palm Beach County
\$550,000	
January, 2016	
<u>Kenny vs. Pearson: Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$550,000	
September, 2017	
<u>Confidential Nursing Home Wrongful Death</u>	Palm Beach County
\$500,000	
November, 2013	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Pinellas County
\$500,000	
April, 2016	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$500,000	
May, 2017	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$500,000	
December, 2022	
<u>Confidential Nursing Home Wrongful Death</u>	Lee County
\$500,000	
August, 2023	
<u>Confidential Bus Transportation Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$500,000	
November, 2023	
<u>Drew vs. Barenfeld: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u>	Palm Beach County
\$500,000	
April, 2024	

<u>McLennan vs. State Farm: Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$484,784.53 – Jury verdict - automobile crash resulting in torn rotator cuff/arthroscopic surgery with a pretrial offer of \$50,000. November, 2014	
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$450,000 May, 2015	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$450,000 August, 2017	
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$420,000 March, 2018	
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u>	Broward County
\$418,353.89 May, 2024	
<u>Beaver vs. HIW KC Orlando, LLC: Premises Liability</u>	Orange County
\$405,000 July, 2013	
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u>	St. Lucie County
\$400,000 September, 2016	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Miami-Dade County
\$400,000 November, 2022	
<u>Weiner vs. Van Nguyen, et. al.: Auto Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$390,000 November, 2020	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Palm Beach County
\$350,000 March, 2014	
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u>	Martin County
\$345,000 August, 2013	
<u>Jewett vs. Smith: Negligent use of motorized scooter</u>	Palm Beach County
\$330,000 June, 2020	
<u>Confidential Chiropractic Malpractice</u>	Brevard County
\$325,000 October, 2014	
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u>	Broward County
\$310,000 April, 2017	
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u>	Palm Beach County
\$301,250 November, 2021	

<u>Confidential Auto Liability: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u> \$300,000 February, 2013	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$300,000 February, 2016	Brevard County
<u>Leonard vs. Dezelich: Auto Liability</u> \$300,000 January, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> \$300,000 March, 2023	Palm Beach County
<u>Scee vs. Marks/ UM Carrier: Auto Liability</u> \$282,108.39 March, 2012	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Products Liability</u> \$280,000 November, 2019	Western District of Virginia
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> \$260,000 July, 2012	Southern District of Florida
<u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> \$260,000 November, 2018	Palm Beach County
<u>Hamilton vs. Sgroi: Auto Liability</u> \$250,000 January, 2013	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> \$250,000 November, 2013	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> \$250,000 June, 2014	Palm Beach County
<u>Kozlowski vs. Balcaitis: Auto Liability</u> \$250,000 June, 2015	Palm Beach County
<u>Omidvar vs. Turk: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u> \$250,000 June, 2016	Palm Beach County
<u>Bertone vs. Gowder: Motorcycle Crash</u> \$250,000 January, 2017	Palm Beach County
<u>Confidential Prescription Mis-fill vs. Pharmacy</u> \$250,000 June, 2018	Lee County

Confidential Products Liability
\$250,000 December, 2023

Palm Beach County