

## **T. Hardee Bass, III**

### **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

The Florida Bar, April 2005  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

### **DISTINCTIONS**

Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer  
American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Associate  
Best Lawyers in America: 2019  
Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star: 2012 - 2018  
South Florida Legal Guide Top "Up and Comer": 2016 - 2019  
The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers (2018); Top 40 Under 40 (2017)

### **EXPERIENCE**

*June 2008 - Present*

**ASSOCIATE, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA,**  
West Palm Beach, FL

Trial Lawyer, Tobacco Litigation Unit. Part of team that represents hundreds of Plaintiffs in individual *Engle* progeny lawsuits against Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, Lorillard Tobacco Company and Liggett. Handle all aspects of cases. Trial experience includes over a dozen jury trials in venues across the state of Florida; have handled every component of a trial; results include multiple seven and 8 figure jury verdicts, including:

- \$21 million (2018, Sarasota County)
- \$20.5 million (2010, Escambia County)
- \$20 million (2014, Palm Beach County)
- \$13.1 million (2014, Pinellas County)
- \$4.1 million (2014, Palm Beach County)
- \$3.5 million (2012, Highlands County)
- \$2.5 million (2014, Broward County)
- \$500,000 (2018, Palm Beach County)

*March 2005 – June 2008*

**ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**

West Palm Beach, FL

Litigation of misdemeanor (County Court) and felony cases (Circuit Court). Formerly chief of County Court division including overseeing training of new attorneys. Trial experience as a Prosecutor includes 47 jury trials and 12 non-jury trials.

*Fall 2004*

**CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERN, Stetson College of Law Prosecution Clinic**

Bradenton, FL

With the Manatee County State Attorney's Office, prosecuted misdemeanors and juvenile cases.

*Spring 2004*

**CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERN, Stetson College of Law Civil Poverty Clinic,**

Bradenton, FL

With Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc., duties included interviewing prospective clients, legal research, writing motions that were submitted to the court and writing demand letters on behalf of clients. Handled case from start to finish, which included client intake and interview, communicating with opposing counsel, writing motions that were submitted to the court, scheduling hearing time regarding the motions and appearing before the General Master to argue the motions.

*Summer 2003, 2004*

**SUMMER LAW CLERK, Boyes & Farina, P.A.**

West Palm Beach, FL

Practice areas of the firm include Probate, Probate Litigation, Trusts, Estate Planning and Administration, Contested Trusts and Estates, and General Trial Practice. Duties included legal research, writing inter-office memos on the findings, summarizing depositions for upcoming trials, attending hearings on motions and attending depositions.

## **EDUCATION**

**STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, St. Petersburg, FL**

Juris Doctor, December 2004

**THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tallahassee, FL**

Bachelor of Science, April 2001

Major: Communication Studies, Minor: History

Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Palm Beach County Bar Association

Martin County Bar Association

Florida Justice Association

Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors 2011-2012

Palm Beach County Justice Association

American Association for Justice