

CURRICULUM VITAE

KAREN E. TERRY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 1995 - Present

Shareholder at Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida

Litigate Plaintiff personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, and product liability cases.

Tries complex jury trials, performs extensive depositions all over the country, and settles thousands of cases.

PROFESSIONAL

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, 2016-current

Board Certified Specialist
in Medical Professional
Liability 2016-current

2026-President of the
Foundation Board of the
International Society of
Barristers

2026- Appointed by Chief
Judge of the 15th Judicial
Circuit and Chief Judge of
the 4th DCA to the Senior
Judge Review Board

2025 Woman Leader in
the Law, Florida Trend
Legal Elite

2022 Lawyer of the Year
Award in Medical
Malpractice, by Best Lawyers in America

Recognized in 5 categories as Best Lawyer in Personal
Injury, Medical Malpractice, Product Liability, Mass Torts,
and Professional Malpractice



Foundation President, International Society of Barristers, 2027

ABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2022

American College of Trial Lawyers, 2020

National Trial Lawyers, selected as top 100 trial lawyers in US

Voted as Top 50 Women Attorneys in Florida

2019 Legal Elite Hall of Fame

2019 Super Lawyers

Top Lawyers 2019 by Palm Beach Illustrated

International Society of Barristers, 2018, elected to Foundation Board 2022

Supreme Court of Florida Certified Circuit Mediator, 2018
Qualified Arbitrator, 2023

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), 2009 – Present; 2018 Palm Beach Board Member; 2019 Vice President; 2020 President Elect

Lawyer of the Year Award, 2017, in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Plaintiffs, by Best Lawyers in America

Selected as Top Lawyer by The American Lawyer, 2017

Chosen as 1 of 10 Best Female Personal Injury Attorneys by American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys, 2016

2016 West Palm Beach Product Liability Litigation Lawyer of the Year

Named Best Lawyers 2016 Lawyer of the Year in Product Liability Litigation

Named as 2015 Lawyer of the Year in Mass Torts/Class Actions

Top Plaintiff's Verdict in 2015 per Courtroom View Network

Florida Verdicts Hall of Fame, Curtis v Villas, Premises Liability 2014

Chosen as one of TOP Attorneys to Watch in 2014

Selected by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-

Hubbell as one of the “2013 Top Rated Lawyers” in Health Care.

Honored as Member-Premiere International Who’s Who Registry of Outstanding Professionals, 2010-Present

Selected by Law Dragon as Top 500 Lawyers in the US, 2010

Chosen as South Florida Top Lawyers, 2010 – Present

Selected as a member of Florida Legal Elite, 2009 - Present

Selected as Florida Super Lawyer, 2009 - Present

Honored as Top Lawyer in South Florida Legal Guide, 2009 - Present

AV Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell, 2009 - Present

Selected Most Effective Lawyer in 2007 by Daily Business Review in products liability.

Member of Million Dollar Advocates Forum for Top Trial Lawyers in America, 1996 – Present.

Selected as one of the top five litigators under the age of 40 by Florida Trend Magazine and South Florida Legal Guide.

Member of American Association of Justice, 1996 - present

Member of Florida Bar Association, 1995 – Present.

Member of Florida Justice Association, 1995 - Present

Member of Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1995 – Present.

Member of Palm Beach County Justice Association, 1995 – Present.

Member of American Bar Association, 1994 – Present.

Mensa, 1994 – Present.

Member of Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, 2025

LEGAL EDUCATION

December 1994

University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL

Dean's List - Honors Student

Student Honor Court, Attorney General

**POST LEGAL
STUDIES**

June 1995

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Completed a Master's Degree in Communications Law at the University of Florida

**UNDERGRADUATE
EDUCATION**

May 1991

Duke University, Durham, NC

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, 1991

Graduated in three years with High Honors

Dean's List with Distinction

Golden Key National Honor Society

Political Science National Honor Society

Bench and Bar Legal Society - Vice President

Chairperson of the Panhellenic Judicial Board

Pi Beta Phi Sorority

Also took courses for credit at the London School of Economics, University of Madrid, Harvard, Georgetown, and Tufts University

PUBLICATIONS

"Video Games, Violence, First Amendment Protection, and Regulation"; University of South Carolina Communications Journal, 1995.

**EARLY
BACKGROUND**

Graduated 1988 with High Honors from Pine Crest Preparatory School, Fort Lauderdale, FL

PERSONAL

Strong in written and verbal communications and debating. Working knowledge and use of the Spanish language. Interests include running, yoga, rock climbing, paragliding, and travel.

NOTABLE VERDICTS

Jury Verdict Award in 2021 in Medical Malpractice Case in the amount of \$2,440,000.00.

Jury Verdict Award in 2019 in a Wrongful Death Crash in federal court in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.

Jury Verdict Award in 2015 in a Survivor Automobile Crash Case in the amount of \$6,160,546.04

Jury Verdict Award in 2015 in a Survivor Case Medical Malpractice Case in the amount of \$8,540,786.90. Ranked as #1 trial of 2015 by Courtroom View Network

Jury Verdict Award in 2013 in a Wrongful Death Case in the amount of \$12,065,000.00

Jury Verdict Award in 2007 in a Misfill Prescription Case in the amount of \$25,850,583.77

Jury Verdict Award in 2004 in a Medical Malpractice Case in

the amount of \$2,386,026.99

Jury Verdict Award in 2002 in an Automobile Crash Case in the amount of \$1,038,000.00

Jury Verdict Award in 1996 in a Medical Malpractice Case in the amount of \$1,854,661.00