

DONALD J. WARD III

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Born November 17, 1985, in Norfolk, VA
Married to Abbey L. Ward

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 – January 2020

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

Florida Super Lawyers- Rising Star (2013 - 2019)

National Trial Lawyers- Top 40 Under 40 (2014 - 2019)

Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators – South Florida (2018, 2019)

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

Treasurer, 2020

Secretary, 2019

Executive Committee, 2019 - Present

Golf Committee Chair, 2018, 2019

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 (Sustainer Level Member)

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 \$90 million dollars on behalf of his clients. Some of the cases include:

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| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice vs. Hospital</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$24,268,497 | March, 2016 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$8,900,000 | April, 2018 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$7,250,000 | October, 2018 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$6,000,000 | January, 2019 |
| <u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$2,300,000 | July, 2015 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice vs. Physicians</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$1,750,000 | December, 2015 |
| <u>Yawn vs. AIG Property Casualty Company: Motorcycle Crash</u> | Miami-Dade County |
| \$1,270,000 | August, 2015 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice vs. Physician Group</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$1,050,000 | May, 2019 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$1,025,000 | September, 2018 |
| <u>Holmberg v. E-Scapes Lawn Care, Inc., and Geico: 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 - Verdict | May, 2012 |
| <u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> | Duval County |
| \$800,000 | December, 2012 |

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$775,000 February, 2018

Kazen v. Grisetti: Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$750,000 March, 2018

Confidential Elder Neglect Palm Beach County
\$700,000 January, 2018

Confidential Auto Liability Broward County
\$675,000 January, 2016

Professional Negligence – Insurance Agent Palm Beach County
\$650,000 April, 2015

Confidential Products Liability Brevard County
\$625,000 March, 2017

Depencier vs. Ventura: Auto Liability Hillsborough County
\$600,000 October, 2013

Confidential Liquor Liability Palm Beach County
\$550,000 January, 2016

Kenny vs. Pearson: Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$550,000 September, 2017

Confidential Nursing Home Wrongful Death Palm Beach County
\$500,000 November, 2013

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County
\$500,000 January, 2016

Confidential Medical Malpractice Pinellas County
\$500,000 April, 2016

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County
\$500,000 June, 2016

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County
\$500,000 May, 2017

McLennan vs. State Farm: Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$484,784.53 – Verdict November, 2014

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| <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>Beaver vs. HIW KC Orlando, LLC</u> | Orange County |
| \$405,000 | July, 2013 |
| <u>Confidential Auto Liability</u> | St. Lucie County |
| \$400,000 | September, 2016 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$350,000 | March, 2014 |
| <u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> | Martin County |
| \$345,000 | August, 2013 |
| <u>Confidential Chiropractic Malpractice</u> | Brevard County |
| \$325,000 | October, 2014 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> | Broward County |
| \$310,000 | April, 2017 |
| <u>Confidential Auto Liability: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$300,000 | February, 2013 |
| <u>Confidential Medical Malpractice</u> | Brevard County |
| \$300,000 | February, 2016 |
| <u>Leonard vs. Dezelich: Auto Liability</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$300,000 | January, 2018 |
| <u>Scee vs. Marks/ UM Carrier: Auto Liability</u> | Palm Beach County |
| \$282,108.39 | March, 2012 |
| <u>Confidential Products Liability</u> | Virginia |
| \$280,000 | November, 2019 |
| <u>Confidential Premises Liability</u> | Southern District of Florida (Palm Beach County) |
| \$260,000 | July, 2012 |

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County
\$260,000 November, 2018

Hamilton vs. Sgroi: Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$250,000 January, 2013

Confidential Premises Liability Palm Beach County
\$250,000 November, 2013

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$250,000 June, 2014

Kozlowski vs. Balcaitis: Auto Liability Palm Beach County
\$250,000 June, 2015

Omidvar vs. Turk: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Palm Beach County
\$250,000 June, 2016

Bertone vs. Gowder: Motorcycle Crash Palm Beach County
\$250,000 January, 2017

Confidential Prescription Mis-fill Lee County
\$250,000 June, 2018