

BRIAN R. DENNEY

PERSONAL

Born and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. Denney lives in West Palm Beach with his wife and four children.

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, FL

Juris Doctor – May, 2000 (With Honors)

- Victor O. Wehle Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
- National Dean's List
- Phi Delta Phi
- Pinellas Association for Retarded Children Volunteer
- University College of London
(Summer 1998)

Stetson University, Deland, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology; Business Law minor – May, 1997

- Outstanding Senior Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology
- Student Judicial Council 1995-1996
- Vice President Engineered Leadership Development - Delta Sigma Phi Social Fraternity
- President – Delta Sigma Phi pledge class
- Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honorary Fraternity
- International Business Seminar: *France, England, Italy, Hungary*

EXPERIENCE

Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL

Shareholder, May 2007 to present

- Attorney representing victims of personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, property damage and defective products
- Trial counsel in \$21,496,943.00 verdict in Escambia County
- \$16,000,000.00 confidential settlement in Monroe County wrongful death case
- \$7,500,000.00 confidential settlement in Orange County theme park liability case
- \$6,100,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical negligence case involving brain damage as a result of brain surgery
- \$5,000,000.00 confidential settlement against multi-national product manufacturer for defective airbag injury
- Presented claims bill argument before Florida Legislature Special Masters in Tallahassee resulting in passage of \$3,900,000.00 claims bill
- Trial counsel in \$3,509,471.88 verdict in Highlands County

- Trial counsel in \$3,220,000.00 verdict in Palm Beach County automobile negligence case with pre-trial offer of \$50,000.00
- Trial counsel in \$3,155,682.00 verdict in Palm Beach County
- \$3,000,000.00 confidential medical malpractice settlement on behalf of brain damaged baby girl in Hillsborough County
- Trial counsel in \$2,100,000.00 medical malpractice case in Dade County (settled during trial)
- \$1,750,000.00 confidential settlement in Broward County wrongful death case
- Trial counsel in \$1,094,034.33 verdict in Palm Beach County
- \$1,000,000.00 settlement in uninsured motorist automobile negligence case in Palm Beach County after zero offers before trial date
- \$950,000.00 confidential settlement in Marion County medical malpractice case involving failure to timely diagnose Stevens Johnson Syndrome
- Trial counsel in \$823,342.00 verdict in Broward County representing 50 times the amount offered by the defense before trial
- \$750,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile v. bicycle case
- \$750,000.00 confidential settlement in Duval County for medical malpractice
- Trial counsel in \$720, 611.02 verdict in Palm Beach County
- \$600,000.00 settlement in Dade County case involving tree falling onto vehicle
- \$600,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile vs. pedestrian case including knee replacement surgery
- \$500,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County medical negligence case regarding failure to diagnose cancer case representing policy limits available
- \$400,000.00 settlement in Palm Beach County uninsured motorist case involving non-surgical neck and back injuries
- \$350,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County involving injury sustained during photography session
- \$350,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County uninsured motorist case
- \$300,000.00 confidential settlement in Palm Beach County automobile v. pedestrian case resulting in shoulder surgery
- \$300,000.00 confidential settlement in Hillsborough County liquor liability case

Bavol Judge, P.A., Tampa, FL

Shareholder, June, 2004 – May, 2007

- Defense of licensed health care providers in all manner of civil litigation including oral and maxillofacial surgeons, dentists, physical therapists, CRNAs and certified nurse midwives
- Defense of national medical device manufacturers and their agents in various products liability litigation
- Shared responsibility for firm management

Fowler, White, Boggs, Banker, Tampa, FL

Associate, Litigation Department 2000-2004

- First chaired several cases to verdict, obtaining favorable results for clients
- Worked up numerous other cases for trial as lead counsel prior to settlement
- Full general litigation case load including premises liability, products liability, automotive, property and medical malpractice
- Given full responsibility for all facets of civil litigation case load including trials, depositions, mediations, motion practice and hearings in state and federal courts

United States District Court – Middle District of Florida, 1999

Law Clerk - Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr.

- Drafted proposed judicial opinions and court orders
- Conducted extensive legal research in numerous areas of federal law

MEMBERSHIPS AND HONORS

- Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer
- Member - American Board of Trial Advocates
- Best Lawyers in America – 2015 to present
- 2013-2016 Super Lawyers
- Nation's Top One Percent – National Association of Distinguished Counsel
- Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee Member (2015 – 2018)
- Chairperson – Palm Beach County Circuit Civil Practice Committee (2016-2017)
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Palm Beach County Justice Association
- Florida Justice Association
- National Trial Lawyers “Top 40 Under 40”, 2012-2013
- 2012 Florida Trend’s “Legal Elite”
- Palm Beach County Bar Association Personal Injury/Wrongful Death CLE Committee, 2012
- Palm Beach County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
- South Florida Legal Guide “Top Up & Comer” 2009 and 2010
- 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Café Joshua Committee
- 2008-09 Young Lawyers Section Youth Court Committee
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court, 2011
- Former member of Ferguson-White Inn of Court
(Recipient of “Best Program” award)
- Southern District of Florida
- Middle District of Florida
- Northern District of Florida
- Young Friends of the Norton Museum of Art Committee
- 2010 Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Florida Justice Association Masters of Justice Seminar – *Autonomous Vehicles, Who is in the Driver's Seat?* September, 2016
- AIEG Fall Seminar - Consumer Products Roundtable Speaker – *Exploding E Cigarette Batteries*, October, 2015
- Golden Lakes Retirement Community – *Auto Accidents and Prevention*, October, 2015
- Workers Injury Law and Advocacy Group 2013 Annual Convention - *Trial Tactics*, October, 2013
- Florida Justice Association Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute– *Direct Examination of an Expert Witness*, August, 2013
- Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar – *How to avoid “Gotcha” Moments and other Pitfalls at Trial*, February, 2011.
- Council of School Supervisors & Administrators - *Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer's Perspective*, February, 2011
- Florida Alliance of Retired Americans – *Protecting your Assets and your Health, an Injury Lawyer's Perspective*, December, 2010.
- Palm Beach County Justice Association SCOPE Seminar - *Strategies on Cross-Examining the Opposing Professional Examiners*, December, 2010.
- Florida Justice Association Mock Trial Competition in Tampa, Florida, *Presiding Judge*, November, 2010.
- Moderator - *2010 Electoral Candidates Forum* organized by the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association, Grandview Heights Citizens Association, Pineapple Park Neighborhood Association, and Sunshine Park Neighborhood Association involving local primary elections.
- The Business of Insurance in Florida Seminar – *Technology Update* – 2001

- Workers Compensation and Immunity Seminar – *Intentional Torts and Coverage B* – June, 2002