

LEWIS W. ("WIL") MURPHY, JR.

Curriculum Vitae

Lewis W. ("Wil") Murphy, Jr. has been a life-long resident of Vero Beach, and following graduation from Emory University (1998) and the University of Florida College of Law (1991), Wil returned to practice law with what was then the largest law firm in the Treasure Coast. Wil concentrated his practice on litigation, and that law firm later became known as Moss, Henderson, Blanton, Lanier, Kretschmer & Murphy, P.A. During his over twelve years with Moss, Henderson, Wil litigated personal injury, wrongful death, and commercial cases from the Florida Keys to the Georgia border. In 2004, Wil joined with Casey Walker to establish a law firm dedicated exclusively to litigation and trial practice.

Wil has been recognized as a Board Certified Specialist in both Civil Trial and Business Litigation by The Florida Bar, and Board Certification is the highest level of recognition by The Florida Bar for competency and experience. Of the over 84,000.00 members of The Florida Bar, approximately 4,300 are Board Certified, of which approximately 1,000 are certified in Civil Trial Law and roughly 200 certified in Business Litigation. Less than 1% of all attorneys in Florida enjoy this dual Board Certification recognition. Board Certification is intended to assist consumers with identifying attorneys who have demonstrated considerable ability and experience in specialized fields. Passing a rigorous examination, favorable evaluation by judges and other attorneys, participation in significant continuing legal education, and substantial experience in the specialty of Civil Trial Law and Business Litigation are required for Board Certification.

Additionally, Wil has been recognized by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA), now known as the National Board of Legal Speciality Certification, as a Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate. The NBTA is accredited by the American Bar Association to certify trial attorneys throughout the United States following peer review, examination, and substantial experience in a career concentrating in Civil Trial Law. Presently, there are only 245 NBTA Board Certified Civil Trial Advocates in Florida.

Wil also enjoys an AV-rating by the *Martindale-Hubbell* Law Directory rating system. The AV-rating can be awarded only after *Martindale-Hubbell* solicits confidential opinions from members of the bar and the judiciary on the legal ability and ethics of an attorney being reviewed for a rating. The AV-rating reflects an attorney who has reached the height of professional excellence, and represents the highest rating awarded by *Martindale-Hubbell*, the respected source of authoritative information about members of the legal profession for over 130 years. Additionally, *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine* recognized Wil as the top 5% of Florida attorneys in the practice area of personal injury - plaintiff, business litigation, and professional liability - defense.

Memberships include The Florida Bar (1991), for which he was recently appointed to the Professionalism Committee by the President of The Florida Bar (2007-). Wil recently served as President of the Indian River County Bar Association (2005-2006), and Wil also served as member and Chairperson for the 19th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee (1996-1999). As a member of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (1992), U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (1993), U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit (1993), U.S. District Court, Trial Bar of the Southern District of Florida (1994), and the U.S. Supreme Court (1996), Wil is prepared to litigate complex claims throughout the State and Federal Courts.

In addition to his extensive trial and litigation practice, Wil has represented a number of clients in their appeals to the District Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Florida. Among Wil's published decisions are the following: *Hussamy v. Rose*, 916 So.2d 785 (Fla. 2005); *Deloach v. Nance, Cacciatore*, 788 So.2d

986 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001); *Mason v. Warner, Fox*, 781 So.2d 375 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001); *Humana Medical Plan, Inc. v. Fischman*, 750 So.2d 677 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999); *Baldwin Sod Farms, Inc. v. Corrigan*, 746 So.2d 1198 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999); *Hasburgh v. WJA Realty*, 697 So.2d 219 (Fla. 4th DCA 1997); *Johnson v. Treasure Coast Plaza, Ltd.*, 670 So.2d 1199 (Fla. 4th DCA 1996).

Wil's commitment to civil trial and litigation goes beyond the courtroom. Wil volunteers his time and energy to various non-profit agencies in the Treasure Coast. For example, Wil presently serves as a member and Secretary of the Indian River Medical Center Foundation (2003-); Director and Vice President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County (1999-2003); Trustee and Chair of the Community Church (1998-2001; 2007-); and Director and Treasurer of the Education Foundation of Indian River County (1996-1999).