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EDUCATION

University of Florida – Levin College of Law

Juris Doctorate *with honors*, May 2001

University of Florida

B.A. in Classical Studies *with highest honors*, May 1998

Activities and Honors

- Law School
 - Order of the Coif
 - Class Rank: 7
 - Book Awards: Family Law, Criminal Procedure – Police Practices, Intellectual Property, and Pro Se Clinic
 - Journal of Law & Public Policy, Articles Senior
 - Legal Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy Teaching Assistant
 - Trial Team, 2L-3L
 - Outstanding Graduate, Spring 2001
- Undergraduate Studies
 - Florida Academic Scholar, 1995-98
 - Outstanding Student Award, 1998
 - Anderson Scholar, 1996
 - Eta Sigma Phi (Classics Honor Society) – Vice President

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Florida Bar Board Certified Appellate Specialist, 2013-present
- AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, 2013-present
- Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar, 2008-present
 - Executive Council, 2013-2016, 2018-present
 - Chair, CLE committee, 2012-2016
- First District Appellate Inn of Court, Master, 2014-present
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court
 - Barrister, 2010-2013
 - Associate, 2004-2005
- Jacksonville Bar Association, 2002-present
 - Chair, Appellate Practice Section, 2011-2013
- Florida *Super Lawyer* in Appellant Practice, 2015-21
 - Recognized as among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Florida, 2017
 - “Rising Star” in Appellate Practice, 2009-2014
- Florida Justice Association, S. Victor Tipton Award (2017)
- Selected by the American Registry as among Florida’s Outstanding Young Lawyers in Appellate Law, June 2011, 2012 and 2013, July 2014

- Top Lawyers Selected by Peer Recognition, *Jacksonville Magazine*, October 2014 and 2015, April 2019, August 2020
- Recognized as Legal Elite, Florida's Top Attorneys by *Florida Trend*, July 2019
- Recognized as Best Lawyers in America by Best Lawyers®, 2020
- Top-Rated Lawyer 2020, Avvo.com
- America's Most Honored Lawyers – Top 1%, *American Registry*, 2020

EMPLOYMENT

The Harrell Firm

January 2018 – present

Sole Proprietor

- Assist clients and counsel with trial support and appeals, with a focus on substantive legal issues and legal writing
- Practice areas include plaintiff's personal injury, commercial litigation, and family law

Creed & Gowdy, P.A.

September 2008-January 2018

Appellate Attorney

- Handle complex appellate litigation, as well as trial support, in the state and federal courts
- Appellate practice areas include commercial litigation, personal injury, and family law

Foley & Lardner, LLP

August 2001 – August 2008

Commercial Litigation Associate

- Extensive experience defending national banking institutions, as well as defending warranty and Lemon Law proceedings
- First and second chair trial experience on behalf of *Fortune 100* clients

PUBLICATIONS

Narrowing Clooney: Keeping all Bad Actors in Your Case, The Journal #586, Nov./Dec. 2015

Applying the Collateral Source Rule to Your Next Trial: How Much Can you Board & When Will Damages be Reduced?, The Journal #559, March/April 2012

Graham v. Florida: A Juvenile's Hope for Redemption, Florida Defender, Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer 2010, co-authored with Bryan Gowdy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Pro bono* assistance provided through the Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar and Catholic Legal Charities, 2018-present
- Girl Scouts of America Adult Member, 2012-2015
 - Brownie/Junior Troop 357 Leader, 2013-2015
 - Brownie Troop 1176 Co-leader, 2012-2013
- Voices of Children of the First Coast, Inc.
 - Board Member, 2006-2011

- Secretary, 2009-2010
- Chair, Jax Crop for Kids, 2007
- MDA Downtown Lock Up Participant, 2014

**JURISDICTIONS
ADMITTED**

Florida
Supreme Court of the United States
11th Circuit Court of Appeals
Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida