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**Professional Employment**

**Creed & Gowdy, P.A.**

(formerly known as Mills & Carlin, P.A., Mills & Creed, P.A., and

Mills Creed & Gowdy, P.A.)

Jacksonville, Florida

January 2003 – present

**Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLC**

(formerly Baumer, Bradford & Walters, P.A.)

Jacksonville, Florida

Partner, 1997 – 2002

Associate, 1992 – 1997

**Turner, Enochs & Lloyd, P.A.**

Greensboro, North Carolina

Associate, 1991 – 1992

**Education**

**University of North Carolina School of Law**

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Juris Doctor with Honors (1991)

Honors and Activities

Order of the Coif 1991

Legal Research Assistant, Professor Ron Link 1990-1991

Staff Member, North Carolina Law Review 1989-1990

Dean’s List 1988-1991

Recipient, Charles S. Mangum, Jr. Scholarship (merit) 1988-1991

**University of Virginia**

Charlottesville, Virginia

Bachelor of Arts (English) (1988)

Honors and Activities

Dean’s List 1984, 1985-1988

**Professional Qualifications and Awards**

Admitted to practice in Florida (1993) and North Carolina (1991)

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida

Board Certified in Appellate Practice by The Florida Bar (2001 – present)

Florida Super Lawyer (2006 – 2022)

Top 100 Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2021)

Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyer

Top 25 Jacksonville, Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2021)

Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice

*Jacksonville Magazine* (2016)

Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* (2012, 2014-2017, 2019-2021)

Florida Justice Association, S. Victor Tipton Award (2014)

**Professional Memberships and Community Service**

The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section

Executive Council (2010 – 2014)

Editor, Appellate Practice Guide (September 2007 – 2014)

Jacksonville Bar Association

Appellate Practice Section (Chairman, 2004 – 2005)

Solo and Small Firm Section

Florida Justice Association (2010 – present)

Chair, Appellate Section (2015 – 2016)  
Board of Directors (2020-Presesnt)

First District Appellate American Inn of Court

Master (2012 – present)

Florida Family Law Inn of Court

Barrister (2012 – 2016)

Master (2017 – present)

Chester Bedell American Inn of Court

Barrister (2005 – 2008)  
Program Chair (2022-2023)

Supreme Court of Florida Committee on Judicial Evaluations (2006 – 2007)

Riverside Presbyterian Day School

Trustee (2010 – 2014)

Assistant Chair, Building and Grounds Committee (2011 – 2012)

Assistant Chair, Trustees Committee (2012 – 2013)

Riverside Presbyterian Church

Stewardship Committee (2011 – 2012)

Elder (2016 – 2019)

Human Resources Committee

Assistant Chair (2016 – 2017)

Chair (2017 – 2019)

Interim Search Committee  
 Chair (2019)

Community Hospice Foundation, Sunset in Costa Rica Committee

(2010, 2012, 2014)

**Notable Cases**

*Wilcox v. Neville,* 283 So. 3d 878 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Persuaded the First District Court of Appeal to adopt injured plaintiff’s interpretation of statute governing proposals for settlement and reverse the trial court’s order denying attorney’s fees.

*Select Specialty v. Barth,* 277 So. 3d 201 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Represented seriously injured patient in defending against an appeal filed by the acute care hospital responsible for patient’s negligent treatment. The First District Court of Appeal agreed with the patient that the trial court erred in allowing the jury to apportion a percentage of fault to a health care provider other than the named defendant. The effect of this ruling was to allow all damages awarded by the jury to be assessed against the acute care hospital.

*Bennett v. St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Inc.*, 71 So. 3d 828 (Fla. 2011)

Represented parents of a severely brain-damaged infant who successfully challenged an overly broad statutory interpretation of Florida’s Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan (NICA) before the Supreme Court of Florida.

*Anderson v. Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.*,

66 So. 3d 1095 (Fla. 2d DCA 2011)

Persuaded the Second District Court of Appeal, on behalf of parents of a brain-damaged child, to enforce the parents’ right to elect and pursue civil remedies against the hospital in circuit court.

*Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Co. v. Harrell*

53 So. 3d 1084 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)

Represented privately-insured plaintiff in enforcing her right to present evidence to the jury of the gross amount of her total medical bills, rather than the lesser amount paid by the private health insurer.

**Selected Lectures, Seminars, Publications, and Panel Discussions**

*Practice-Specific Trends and Recurring Issues: Family Law Appeals*, Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar: Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal 2022

April 2022

Moderator, *Panel Presentation on the New Summary Judgment Standard*, Jacksonville Justice Association Annual Seminar

November 2021

Case Law Update on Proposals for Settlement

Jacksonville Justice Association Quarterly Meeting

August 2021

Panelist, *PFS Involving Insurance Companies*

Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar

July 2021

*Final vs. Non-Final Orders*

Appeals 101: Tips to Avoid Traps for the Unwary

Florida Family Law American Inn of Court

January 2021

*“Proposals for Settlement: Strategies of Settling a Case,”*Jacksonville Justice Association Annual Seminar  
 (November 22, 2019)

*Calculating the Amount of Fees Recoverable Under a Proposal for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar

July 2020

*Deposition Do’s and Dont’s,*

Florida Justice Association Annual Convention

June 2019

*Has the Proposal Been “Beaten”?*

Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar

March 2019

*Jury Selection: Case Law You Need to Know for Great Jury Selection*

Florida Justice Association: Christian D. Searcy Voir Dire Institute

August 2018

*An Appellate Perspective: What Trial Lawyers Need to Know*

Florida Justice Association: Advanced Trial Skills Seminar

June 2018

*What to Do – And What Not to Do – During Voir Dire to Preserve Your Verdict or to Preserve Error*

Florida Justice Association & The Christian D. Searcy Voir Dire Institute

August 2018

*An Appellate Perspective: What Trial Lawyers Need to Know*

Florida Justice Association: Advanced Trial Skills Seminar

June 2018

*Offers of Judgment: Proposals for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: CLE Webinar

October 2016

*Mistakes Made in the Underlying Verdict and the Trial Itself in the Bad Faith Case*

Florida Justice Association: Insurance Bad Faith Seminar

September 2016

*The Record: Perspectives on Preservation from the Bench and Bar* Jacksonville Bar Association, Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar February 2016

*Overview and Analysis of Recent Changes to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure*

Florida Justice Association Journal  
January/February 2016

*Offers of Judgment: Proposals for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: CLE Webinar

October 2015

*Discussion with the Florida Supreme Court: A Reminder of Our Responsibilities as Florida Lawyers*,

The Record, Fall 2012

*New Appellate Rule for Probate and Guardianship Proceedings*

The Florida Bar Journal, Sept.-Oct. 2012

(co-authored with Jennifer Shoaf Richardson)

*Offensive and Defensive Strategies for the Proposal for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: Workhorse Seminar

March 2012

*Preservation of Error at Trial*

Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar

Jacksonville Bar Association

June 2011

*Immediately Appealable Orders*

Solo and Small Firm Section of the Jacksonville Bar Association

April 2011

Moderator and Chair, Hot Topics in Appellate Practice Seminar

The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section

March 2011

*Goble: Implications of the Common Law Collateral Source Rule*

Auto Negligence Seminar (Fort Lauderdale and Tampa)

Florida Justice Association

September 2010

*Preservation of Error*

Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar

Jacksonville Bar Association

June 2010

*Appellate Strategies for County Attorneys*

Florida Association of County Attorneys

June 2009

*Immediately Appealable Orders*

Jacksonville Justice Association

April 2009

*Federal Case Law Update*

Hot Topics in Appellate Practice Seminar

The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section

November 2006