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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
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## **Professional Qualifications and Awards**

Admitted to practice in Florida (1992) 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 – 2018)  
Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyer

Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice  
*Jacksonville Magazine* (2016)

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

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 – present)

Jacksonville Bar Association  
Appellate Practice Section (Chairman, 2004 – 2005)  
Solo and Small Firm Section

Florida Justice Association (2010 – present)  
Chair, Appellate Section (2015 – 2016)

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)

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 – present)  
Human Resources Committee  
Assistant Chair (2016 – 2017)  
Chair (2017 – present)

Community Hospice Foundation, Sunset in Costa Rica Committee  
(2010, 2012, 2014)

## **Notable Cases**

*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**

*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