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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)

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)

Dean's List

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 (2006-2023)

Top 100 Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2023)

Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyer (2006, 2017, 2019-2023)

Top 25 Jacksonville, Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2023)

Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice

Jacksonville Magazine (2016)

Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* (2012, 2014-2017, 2019-2022)

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)

Florida Justice Association (2010–present)

Chair, Appellate Section (2015–2016)

First District Appellate American Inn of Court

Master (2012–2023)

Alumnus (2023–present)

Florida Family Law Inn of Court
Barrister (2012– 2016)
Master (2017–present)
Program Coordinator (2022–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 (2016–2019)
Human Resources Committee
Assistant Chair (2016–2017)
Chair (2017–2019)
Interim Search Committee
Chair (2019)

Community Hospice Foundation, Sunset in Costa Rica Committee
Member (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 Don'ts

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