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A Partner in the Tampa office, Lewis F. Collins, Jr. specializes in Casualty Defense Litigation, Employment Law, Extra-Contractual issues, and Product Liability Law. He joined us in 1998, bringing extensive experience to the practice.

Lewis began his law career in 1978 when he earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Loyola University. He spent over 19 years at another firm, eventually becoming President and Partner before leaving and joining Butler as a Partner. He eventually became head of the firm's Liability Defense Practice Group. In this role, he is responsible for the staffing and continuing education of the lawyers and paralegals in that division.

Lewis is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by both the Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy and is a Board Certified Civil Pretrial Practice Advocate by the National Board of Civil Pretrial Practice Advocacy. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel and was a founding member of its Board of Regents. Throughout his long and exemplary career, Lewis has earned a variety of accolades and authored several publications relating to his litigation practice.

ADMISSIONS

- FLORIDA

RECOGNITIONS

- ELECTED AS "FLORIDA SUPER LAWYER"
- NAMED PRODUCTS LIABILITY DEFENSE LAWYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2015 IN TAMPA BAY BY "BEST LAWYERS"
- RATED BY MARTINDALE-HUBBELL AS AN AV PREEMINENT LAWYER
- RECOGNITION AS A "LEADING FLORIDA ATTORNEY" IN THE FIELD OF PRODUCTS LIABILITY DEFENSE BY LEADING AMERICAN ATTORNEY
- SELECTED AS ONE OF THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA, PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION - DEFENDANT

KEY POINTS

PRACTICES

- TRUCKING
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- MEDICAL & PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY
- EMPLOYMENT LAW
- EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL
- CASUALTY DEFENSE LITIGATION
- SPECIALTY TRIAL TEAM
- FIRST-PARTY COVERAGE
- THIRD-PARTY COVERAGE

EDUCATION

- FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF ARTS
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

MEMBERSHIPS

- AMERICAN COLLEGE OF COVERAGE AND EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL COUNSEL
(ACCEC)
- FEDERATION OF DEFENSE & CORPORATE COUNSEL (FDCC)
- FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (FDLA)
- LAWYERS FOR CIVIL JUSTICE (LCJ)
- NATIONAL BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCACY