

Duane A. Daiker

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Although he has a broad range of commercial and construction litigation experience, Duane’s passion is representing clients in the state and federal appellate courts. He regularly appears in all of Florida’s appellate courts, including the Florida Supreme Court. He also partners with trial lawyers outside the firm for appellate representation or for technical assistance with appeals. For more than 25 years, Duane has represented surety insurance companies in connection with payment, performance, and fiduciary bond disputes.

Duane has been actively involved in every aspect of the appellate community, including service in the following roles:

- Member of the Executive Council and a former Chair of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, a 1,700-member organization of lawyers and judges devoted to promoting excellence in appellate practice
- Past chair of the Florida Bar Appellate Practice Certification Standing Committee, and past and current member of the Appellate Court Rules Committee (2012-2018, 2024-present)
- Host of the legal podcast “Issues on Appeal,” which focuses on issues relating to appellate practice through interviews with members of Florida’s appellate community
- Former editorial board member of the Fidelity and Surety Digest published by the American Bar Association
- Regular presenter at surety conferences around the country

SERVICE LINE

Early Dispute Resolution
Insurance Recovery
Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &
Insurance

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

- Adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College, teaching legal classes continuously since 1999

When not practicing law, Duane enjoys teaching and giving back to his community. He is also a volunteer arbitrator for the Florida Bar assisting clients in attorney fee disputes with their lawyers. Duane has been married to his high school sweetheart for over 30 years and is the proud father of two daughters.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1994

All Florida State and District Courts

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar, Appellate Court Rules Committee, Member, 2024-present
- The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Certification Standing Committee: Member, 2018-2024; Chair, 2022-2023
- The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Section: Executive Council, 2018-present; Immediate Past Chair, 2017-2018; Chair, 2016-2017; Chair Elect, 2015-2016; Vice Chair, 2014-2015; Secretary/Treasurer, 2013-2014; Executive Council, 2012-2013; CLE Coordinator, 2011-2013
- The Florida Bar, Appellate Rules Committee: Vice-Chair of Internal Operations Committee, 2017-2018; IP Chair and Parliamentarian, 2014-2015; Member, 2012-2018
- The Florida Bar, Fee Arbitration Program: Arbitrator, 2005-present
- The Florida Bar, Grievance Committee (13th Circuit): Chair, 2006; Investigating Member, 2003-2005
- Hillsborough County Bar Association, Chair, Appellate Practice Section, 2008-2010
- Editor, American Bar Association Fidelity & Surety Digest, 2010-2013
- American Bar Association: Member, Torts and Insurance Practice Section, 2000-present
- TIPS Fidelity and Surety Law Committee: Member, 2000-present

EDUCATION

J.D., with high honors, Order of the Coif, Editor-in-Chief, *Florida Law Review*, University of Florida, 1994

B.A., with high honors, University of Florida, 1991

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Appellate Law by The Florida Bar

HONORS

- Board Certified Appellate Specialist, 2007-present
- AV[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2020-2026
- Florida Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2017-2025
- Florida Legal Elite by *Florida Trend* magazine, 2020, 2021
- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2009