



# DAVID W. HUGHES

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## PRACTICE FOCUS

Medical Malpractice  
Hospital Liability  
Long Term Care/Nursing Home  
Professional Liability  
Personal Injury  
Cybersecurity, Data Breach & Protection  
Litigation

## EDUCATION

Haverford College, B.A., 2004, Honors  
University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 2011, *cum laude*

## BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association  
The Florida Bar  
Hillsborough County Bar Association

**David Hughes has obtained numerous summary judgments through appeal in favor of health care providers and he has secured several DOH licensure investigation closures, often before the probable cause stage.**

David's practice focuses on the defense of medical malpractice, hospital liability, nursing home and long-term care facilities, professional liability, and premises liability. He also handles a diverse array of personal injury claims. He has successfully defended hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, pharmaceutical companies, and individual physicians and nurses in Department of Health licensure investigations.

David has been active in professional activities, including an invited speaker for The Florida Society for Health Care Risk Management and Patient Safety (FSHRMPS). Locally, he was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve for four years on the Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board. David was a 2016 New Leaders Council (NLC) Tampa Bay fellow and served on the board of NLC Tampa Bay from 2017 to 2019. He has served as a board member for a number of local charities, including Men of Vision. He is a graduate of the Leadership Florida Connect (Class IX) program, and a lifetime Leadership Florida member. He is also active in the Cheatwood Inn of Court.

Outside the office, David enjoys spending time with his family, travelling, cooking, watching Tampa Bay Lightning hockey, and participating in several sports, including skiing and tennis.

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### HONORS

- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2017-2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>: Ones to Watch (2021-2025)

### COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Defense Research Institute
- Leadership Florida Connect
- Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board
- Leadership Florida Connect Class IX
- Men of Vision, Inc.

### NEWS & INSIGHTS

Eighty-Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2025 Publication  
Firm News, 8.15.24

Eighty-Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2024 Publication  
Firm News, 8.17.23

Eighty-One Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Publication  
Firm News, 8.18.22

Hill Ward Henderson Elects Eight New Shareholders  
Firm News, 1.13.22

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 Publication  
Firm News, 8.19.21

58 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Listing  
Firm News, 6.23.21

Fifty Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers Listing  
Firm News, 6.5.20

David W. Hughes Selected For Leadership Florida Connect Class IX  
Firm News, 8.2.18

## DAVID W. HUGHES

David W. Hughes Selected To Join The J. Clifford Cheatwood American  
Inn Of Court  
Firm News, 7.30.18

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2018 Florida Super Lawyers  
Firm News, 6.25.18

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2017 Florida Super Lawyers  
Firm News, 6.8.17

David W. Hughes Joins Hill Ward Henderson  
Firm News, 3.16.12

### PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- *Savelli v. Dr. Hayes*  
310 So. 3d 38  
Fla 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2021 (Final Summary Judgement for Client/Surgeon).
- *Sammon v. Target Corp.*  
Slip Copy 2012 WL 3984728 8:11-CV-1258-T-30EAJ  
United States District Court, M.D. Florida. September 11, 2012