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PRACTICE FOCUS

Medical Malpractice
Hospital Liability
Long Term Care/Nursing Home
Professional Liability
Healthcare Litigation & Administrative Proceedings
Drug & Medical Device
Products Liability
Personal Injury
Healthcare
Litigation
Medical Malpractice Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario,
B.A., 1997
Florida State University
College of Law, J.D., 2003,
Honors: Journal of
Transnational Law and Policy,
Editor

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

Ethen Shapiro has prevailed in jury trials for national and local healthcare providers, and has obtained important appellate decisions related to punitive damages for industry clients.

Ethen's focus is in the defense of medical malpractice, hospital liability, nursing home and long-term care facilities, professional liability, premises liability, and handling a diverse array of personal injury claims. He has successfully defended hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, and pharmaceutical companies at the local, state and national levels.

Ethen has been active in professional activities, including service as program chair, faculty member and invited speaker with the Defense Research Institute's (DRI) Medical Liability and Healthcare Law Committee. Locally, he has served as acting chief coordinator for the Hillsborough County High School Mock Trial Competition and as a youth basketball coach. In law school, Ethen received the Pro Bono Service Award for dedication and service to those unable to afford legal services, as well as the prestigious American Jurisprudence ("Book") Award for excellence in Intellectual Property.

Outside the office, Ethen enjoys spending time with his family, playing guitar, golf, hockey and basketball, and traveling in his spare time.

HONORS

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Medical Malpractice (2024-2025)

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The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar
Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts
U.S. District Court, Middle and
Southern Districts of Florida

- Florida Super Lawyers (2014-2025)
- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2010-2013)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2011, 2015-2016, 2019-2022)
 - Florida Trend's Legal Elite - Up and Comers (2014)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2021-2026)
- *TAMPA Magazine's* Top Lawyers (2023-2025)
 - Medical Malpractice (Management)
 - Litigation: Health Care

Chambers USA

Chambers USA ranks the leading lawyers and law firms across the USA. Legal rankings are based on in-depth market analysis and independent research, conducted by an experienced team of researchers. Individual lawyers are ranked in their practice area(s) based on legal knowledge and experience, ability, effectiveness and client service.

"Ethen is empathetic to clients and aggressive in their defense." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2025*

"Ethen is excellent, I would recommend him to anyone." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2025*

EXPERIENCE

- Obtained a significant trial victory for our large, multi-national laboratory client. Held in Jacksonville, Florida, this jury trial included a defendant physician who was accused of failing to diagnose cancer that resulted in the patient's death. The damages sought were in excess of \$5 Million.
- Successfully represented our large, multi-national laboratory client in a medical malpractice defense verdict. Following a seven-day trial in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit, the jury came back within just 42 minutes with a unanimous verdict in favor of our client.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Leadership Tampa (Class of 2017)
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute

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- Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee
 - Program Chair 2014
 - Program Vice-Chair 2013
- Florida Hospital Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Tampa Club

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Seventy-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America
Firm News, 8.21.25

Fifty-Eight Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named to 2025 Florida Super Lawyers List
Firm News, 6.26.25

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2025 Chambers Recognition
Firm News, 6.5.25

Ethen Shapiro Elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates
Firm News, 1.30.25

Thirty-Eight Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in *Tampa Magazine's* 2025 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.6.25

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

Fifty-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.24.24

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2024 Chambers Recognition
Firm News, 6.6.24

Twenty-Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in *Tampa Magazine's* 2024 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.3.24

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

Sixty-one Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.27.23

Twenty-Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in TAMPA Magazine's 2023 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.3.23

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

61 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 7.1.22

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to 2022 Hall of Fame and Legal Elite
Firm News, 6.29.22

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

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication
Firm News, 8.20.20

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.22.20

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

Hill Ward Henderson Secures Medical Malpractice Defense Verdict for Quest Diagnostics Following 7 Day Trial For Alleged Nerve Injury During Blood Draw
Firm News, 2.26.20

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.24.19

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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

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2016 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.15.16

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame,
Legal Elite and Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.9.15

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2015 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.11.15

Shareholder Named Program Chair
Firm News, 4.15.14

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2012 Florida Super Lawyers
And Rising Stars
Firm News, 3.20.12

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- "Taking Care of Voir Dire: An In-Depth Look at Jury selection, Jury Research and Jury Misconduct," presentation given at the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar, Nashville, Tennessee. March 2026.
- "Emerging Risks of AI Technology on Hospital Claims and Mitigation Strategies," presentation given at Florida Society of Health Care Risk Management Professionals, Orlando, Florida. August 2025.
- "Managing Claims and Litigation Involving Physicians," presentation given at Florida Society of Health Care Risk Management Professionals, Orlando, Florida. August 2023.
- "Anatomy of a Pediatric Medical Malpractice Lawsuit from Injury to Verdict," presentation given at Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2014, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. (Rive Kamat, Steven Vinick, co-presenters). July 2014.
- "Tips for Young Litigators: Establishing Good Relations with Your Claims Professional," panelist at the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana. March 2012.
- "A Lawyer's Update: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Litigation." (J. Logan Murphy, Jeffrey Wilcox, co-authors). October 2011. *For The Defense*, 53, 41.

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- "Helpful Hints and Practical Pointers for Young Litigators: Recruiting, Preparing and Deposing Expert Witnesses," panelist at the Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar, San Francisco, California. March 2011.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- Dawn Porta v. Quest Diagnostics, Inc. 16-2018-CA-000186, Duval Co, FL. (Defense Verdict for Quest Diagnostics).
- Stacey Santangelo v. Ruffolo, Hooper and Assoc. Inc., 292015CA001646A001HC, Hillsborough Co, FL (Defense Verdict for Pathology Group)
- Savelli v. Dr. Hayes, 310 So. 3d 38 (Fla 5th DCA 2021) (Final Summary Judgement for Client/Surgeon).
- Life Care Centers of America v. Estate of Croft., 299 So. 3d. 588 (Fla. 2d DCA 2020) (Reversing Punitive Damages against Long Term Care Facility).
- Dietrich v. Actavis, Inc., 138 So. 3d 1163 (Fla. 4th DCA 2014) (Affirming Summary Judgment for Drug Manufacturer).
- Metz v. Wyeth LLC --- F.Supp.2d ---- 2012 WL 1058870 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. March 28, 2012
- Metz v. Wyeth LLC 830 F.Supp.2d 1291 2011 WL 5826005 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. November 18, 2011
- Metz v. Wyeth, LLC Not Reported in F.Supp.2d 2011 WL 5024448 8:10-CV-2658-T-27AEP United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division. October 20, 2011