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PRACTICE FOCUS

Professional Liability
Life, Health & Disability
Insurance
Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Florida, B.A., 1992
University of Florida, M.A., 1994
University of Florida College of
Law, J.D., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar
Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts
Eleventh Circuit Court of
Appeals
Florida Federal Courts: Middle
and Southern Districts

Mark Criser represents clients in the defense and prosecution of complex commercial litigation disputes. His practice primarily involves the defense of professional malpractice claims, life, health, and disability insurance claims, as well as general commercial litigation. He has litigated cases throughout the state of Florida, including in business and complex case divisions in both state and federal court.

Upon graduating from law school, he served as a staff attorney for the Honorable Major B. Harding, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. Since coming to Tampa in 2000, Mark has represented several national insurance companies and law firms, as well as multi-national corporations.

Mark is active in both professional and Bar-related activities. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society. He has presented seminars for the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Eastern Claims Conference, and the Western Claims Conference. Mark previously served as a member of The Florida Bar's Grievance Committee, and as a member of The Florida Bar's Professional Ethics Committee.

In addition to his legal practice, Mark is also active in the community. He has been involved with AMIKids, Inc., for several years, and served as the Chairman of the National Board, as well as Chairman of the AMIKids Foundation. Mark was a member of the UF Alumni Association Board of Directors, and served as its President from 2020 – 2022. Mark

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is also a member of the University of Florida Law Center Association and currently serves on its Executive Committee.

Outside of the office, Mark enjoys spending time with his wife and three sons, and following University of Florida athletics.

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Florida Super Lawyers (2011-2025)
- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2009)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2013-2015)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition (2013)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® (2021-2026)
- *TAMPA Magazine's* Top Lawyers (2023)
 - Commercial Litigation / Transactions UCC Law

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- AMIKids, Inc.
 - National Chairman
 - AMIKids-Tampa
 - Board of Trustees
 - Excellence in Governance Award (2013)
 - Excellence in Leadership Award (2010)
 - Excellence in Governance Award (2006)
- UF Alumni Association
 - Law Alumni Council
 - President (2018-2019)
 - President-Elect (2017-2018)
 - Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida Supreme Court Historical Society
- The Florida Bar
 - Commission on Review of the Discipline System (appointed 2011)
 - Grievance Committee (Group 13E)
 - Professional Ethics Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mark J. Criser and Matthew F. Hall Appointed To The University of Florida Levin College of Law's Law Alumni Council
Firm News, 9.21.18

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

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

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Criser Selected For Leadership Florida
Firm News, 7.10.13

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite and Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.1.13

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Criser Appointed To The Florida Bar's Professional Ethics Committee
Firm News, 5.18.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2012 Super Lawyers Business Edition
Firm News, 3.28.12

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

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- Right to Be Let Alone - Has the Adoption of Article I, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution, which Explicitly Provides for a State Right of Privacy, Resulted in Greater Privacy Protection for Florida Citizens? (Hon. Major B. Harding, et al). (2000). Notre Dame J.L. Ethics & Pub. Pol'y, 14, 945.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- In re Steffen
WL 1746883 05-17239
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, June 27, 2006
- Watson v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.
WL 34373973 8:01CV368T27MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, July 11, 2002
- Weber v. Whitaker & Hamilton, P.A.
WL 2521229 2D08-5790
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, August 19, 2009
- Kelly v. Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P.
WL 25778702 8:01-CV-1176-T-27MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, March 25, 2003
- Steffen v. Akerman, Senterfitt & Edison, P.A.
WL 1117390 804-CV-1693-T-24MSS
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, April 24, 2009
- Nova information Systems, Inc. v. Greenwich Ins. Co.
WL 32075792 6:00CV1703ORL31 KRS
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, December 13, 2002
- Rodriguez v. J.C. Penney Life Ins. Co.
WL 208775 8:02-CV-695-T-17MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, January 25, 2006
- Smith v. Coalition to Reduce Class Size
WL 31051569 SC02-1624
Supreme Court of Florida, September 13, 2002
- Steffen v. Senterfitt
WL 1601750 8:04-CV-1693T24MSS
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, June 01, 2007
- Montpellier Farm, Ltd v. Crane Environmental, Inc.
WL 722238 07-22815-CIV

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- United States District Court, S.D. Florida, March 18, 2009
- *Menchise v. Akerman Senterfitt*
WL 2597046 07-13046
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, July 02, 2008
 - *Littell v. U.S.*
WL 480891 8:99CV2808T17EAJ
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, March 11, 2002
 - *Steffen v. Akerman Senterfitt*
WL 3277894 804CV1693T24MSS
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, December 02, 2005
 - *Kelly v. Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P.*
WL 4054841 8:01CV1176T27MAP
United States District Court, M.D. Florida, November 17, 2004
 - *Nova Information Systems, Inc. v. Greenwich Ins. Co.*
WL 758987 03-10218
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, April 09, 2004