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PRACTICE FOCUS

Automotive
Litigation
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Personal Injury
Automotive Regulatory
Compliance
Automotive Liability Litigation
Class Action & Complex Mass
Tort
Consumer Products Liability
Litigation
Products Liability
ADA Accessibility
Noncompetes & Business
Divorce

EDUCATION

University of Florida, B.A., 1987
University of Florida College of
Law, J.D., 1990, Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

Rob Gough handles various types of commercial, construction and personal injury litigation.

He has worked extensively with the firm's product liability defense group defending automobile and truck manufacturers and with our automotive dealership clients. He has defended manufacturers and sellers of drugs and medical devices, consumer products, recreational equipment, and recreational vehicles in state and federal courts and in arbitration proceedings.

Rob routinely handles personal injury claims for insurance companies and self-insureds stemming from automotive and trucking accidents, premises liability, negligent security and exposure to toxins. He has assisted our automotive, construction, manufacturing, mining, and transportation industry clients after work place injuries with OSHA and MSHA investigations and defended them against individuals and government agencies claiming violations of state and federal law.

Over the years, Rob has handled numerous contractual disputes in an array of industries involving the enforcement of restrictive covenants. He routinely litigates trade secret and non-compete cases in state and federal courts and before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and prior to that arbitrated several matters with the National Association of Securities Dealers. He has also handled cybersquatting and domain name disputes in arbitrations before the National Arbitration Forum.

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The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar
Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts

Florida Federal Courts:
Northern, Middle and Southern
Districts

Rob has also defended a number of class-action lawsuits in various industries with allegations ranging from construction defects, to consumer protection claims, to improper collection efforts, to illegal lending, to improper sales tactics, to toxic torts.

Rob and his family are members of Hyde Park United Methodist Church. He remains active in the community and is involved with various organizations, charities and not for profits, including Hyde Park Preservation Inc., WEDU, The Economic Club of Tampa, Meals on Wheels of Tampa, Inc., and Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla.

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2009)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2013-2026)

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Meals on Wheels of Tampa, Inc.
- Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla
- Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- WEDU PBS: Board of Directors

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

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

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

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

2019 Best Lawyers Cites 46 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Six "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.16.18

2018 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Five "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.17

2017 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Two "Lawyers Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.16

2016 Best Lawyers Cites 40 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Five "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.17.15

2014 Best Lawyers Cites 42 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Three "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.30.13

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2013 Best Lawyers Business Edition
Firm News, 7.15.13

Hill Ward Henderson Hosts Webinar
Firm News, 5.29.12

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

- Merrill Lynch v. Murvin
WL 528605 609-CV-329-ORL-18DAB United States District Court, M. D. Florida, Orlando Division, March 2, 2009
- Variable Annuity Life Ins. Co. v. Hausinger
WL 1196009 2D05-5305 District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, May 5, 2006

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- Biomet, Inc. v. Fleury
WL 2806679 2D04-5179 District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, October 28, 2005
- Jacobs v. Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.
WL 23126168 01-944-CIV-BANDSTRA, 01944CIVMIDDLEBROOKS United States District Court, S.D. Florida, July 16, 2003
- CH2M Hill Southeast, Inc. v. Pinellas County
WL 336309 95-02932 District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, June 20, 1997
- Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith Inc. v. Kurgis
WL 4710919 208-CV-777-FTM-99DNF United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Fort Myers Division, October 23, 2008
- Fleury v. Biomet, Inc.
WL 22955935 2D02-2103 District Court of Appeal of Florida, Second District, December 17, 2003
- Universal Imports, Inc. v. Federal Exp. Corp.
WL 2952843 808-CV-00309-T-30TGW United States District Court, M.D. Florida, Tampa Division, July 30, 2008
- Walack v. Worldwide Machinery Sales, Inc.
WL 21999384 8:00-CV-275-T-23EAJ United States District Court, M. D. Florida, Tampa Division, July 28, 2003