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## Biography

William "Bill" T. Goran is Of Counsel in our Miami, Florida, office. He has over 35 years of workers' compensation experience defending insurance carriers and employers throughout the construction and hospitality industry. In addition, he represents employers and business owners in Fair Labor and Standards Act claims, labor and employment claims, and Americans with Disability Act claims.

Bill is an established litigation attorney with extensive background in litigating high volume workers' compensation matters throughout Southern Florida. His defense experience includes defending Fortune 500 employers and carriers with varying complex needs.

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ by his peers on Martindale-Hubbell, Bill has handled thousands of cases, attended hundreds of Final Merits Hearings, and has been involved in well over 20 reported appellate decisions. He is well respected in his field and is often invited to speak at events and conferences for employers and insurance companies regarding various workers' compensation and employment law topics.

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Prior to joining Hall Booth Smith in 2020, Bill was Partner of his own firm, William T. Goran, P.A., in Miami, Florida, which specialized in all aspects of workers' compensation litigation. He also spent nearly 25 years at another firm in Coral Gables, Florida, that also specialized in workers' compensation matters as well as general liability claims.

Bill obtained his Bachelors of Arts at the University of Florida and Juris Doctor at the University of Miami. He is admitted to many different courts throughout the state of Florida including the Division of Administrative Hearings – Workers' Compensation, the Circuit and County Courts of Florida, District Courts of Appeal, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Bill has been a Board Member with a number of organizations in the Miami area. He formerly served on the Board of Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, which provides education and care to at risk children, and is a current member of the board of the Groves at Old Cutler Homeowners Association. Bill lives in Miami, Florida, with his wife, daughter, and their dogs.

## Credentials

### Admitted

State Courts:

- Florida,
  - Courts of Appeal, Supreme Court
  - Division of Administrative Hearings: Workers' Compensation

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

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## Education

- J.D., University of Miami
- B.A., University of Florida

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
  - Workers' Compensation Division
- Dade County Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Groves at Old Cutler Homeowners Association: Board Member
- Workers' Compensation Claims Professionals

## Recognition

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#), Martindale-Hubbell

## Publications

- [\*\*Compensability of Slip and Fall Accidents - Where Are We Since The Florida First District Court of Appeals April 5, 2019 Decision in Valcourt - Williams \(The Dog Case\)\*\*](#)  
HBS Workers' Compensation Blog; May 26, 2021

## In the Press

## **Compensability of Slip and Fall Accidents - Where Are We Since The Florida First District Court of Appeals April 5, 2019 Decision in Valcourt - Williams (The Dog Case)**

May 26, 2021

Written by: William T. Goran, Esq. For over 75 years now worker's compensation practitioners have grappled with issues concerning compensability of slip and fall accidents that occurred at work and the evidence is unclear as to why the slip and fall occurred, raising questions regarding whether the accident and injury "arises out of" the employment

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## **Hall Booth Smith Opens Miami Office**

May 4, 2020

MIAMI – May 4, 2020 – Hall Booth Smith, P.C. is delighted to announce the opening of a new office in Miami so it can better meet client needs across the Sunshine State. The new office is located at 9130 South Dadeland Blvd., Suite 1705, Miami FL 33156. It is the firm's fifth office in

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