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Biography

With over 30 years practicing law, Dave Reeves brings broad and seasoned experience to his civil litigation practice. He represents individuals, businesses, and multinational corporations in a wide range of complex matters, including commercial disputes, class actions, personal injury and wrongful death claims. Dave has appeared in state and federal courts throughout Florida, handling cases valued from thousands to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Over the course of his career, he has successfully represented defendants and is known for his innovative use of technology to develop back-office tools and processes that improve the efficiency of large-scale litigation involving vast document collections and numerous witnesses.

Before joining the firm, Dave practiced with several law firms across Florida, gaining experience in commercial and insurance defense litigation, as well as FINRA arbitrations involving financial advisors. His diverse background in both prosecution and defense gives him a balanced perspective and strategic insight into complex civil matters.

Beyond his practice, Dave is deeply involved in the legal

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community. He is a past president of the Federal Bar Association's Jacksonville Chapter and recipient of its annual Pro Bono Award. In 2015, the Florida Supreme Court appointed him to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, where he served a five-year term, including as Vice Chair (2018–2019) and Chair (2019–2020). In these roles, Dave worked closely with the court, Florida law school deans, and other stakeholders to advance the state's bar admission process and helped lead the development of a multi-year practice analysis identifying key competencies for newly licensed attorneys.

Dave earned his Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, and his Bachelor of Arts from Wake Forest University.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Florida

U.S. District Courts:

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

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

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

Education

- J.D., The Catholic University of America
- M.A., Wake Forest University

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Memberships

- Jacksonville Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Chapter
    - President, 2009-2010
- American Inns of Court Master of the Bench, Chester Bedell Inn of Court

Recognition

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™
- Spirit of Giving Pro Bono Award, Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Chapter 2010

In the Press

HBS Jacksonville Welcomes Partner Dave Reeves and Attorney Marli Messina

December 15, 2025

The Jacksonville office is expanding with the addition of new Partner Dave Reeves and Associate Marli Messina.

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