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Biography

Drew Westphal is an associate attorney in Hall Booth Smith's Tampa office, where his practice focuses on general liability, premises liability, and transportation. He represents businesses, insurers, and individuals in a broad range of civil litigation matters, managing cases through every stage of litigation from initial pleadings through trial. Drew is known for his thorough preparation, strategic approach to litigation, and commitment to providing practical, client-focused solutions.

Prior to joining Hall Booth Smith, Drew practiced with a Florida civil defense firm, where he independently managed all aspects of bodily injury litigation. His experience includes conducting and defending depositions, drafting and arguing dispositive and trial motions, examining expert and fact witnesses, representing clients in mediation and settlement conferences, and preparing complex litigation strategy reports. He has successfully handled matters involving significant exposure and has experience representing clients in cases totaling more than $2.5 million in potential liability. Drew also served as second chair in a residential premises liability jury trial that resulted in a complete defense verdict, with the jury returning a $0 verdict for the defense.

Services

General Liability

Premises Liability

Transportation

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Before entering private practice, Drew served as an Assistant Public Defender for Florida's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, where he represented more than 700 clients and gained extensive courtroom experience handling hearings, motion practice, negotiations, and jury trials in a high-volume litigation environment. That experience sharpened his advocacy skills and ability to think strategically under pressure, qualities that continue to benefit his civil litigation clients today.

Drew earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. During law school, he served as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board and competed on the National Moot Court Team, earning multiple academic honors while developing the advocacy and litigation skills that continue to serve his clients. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a focus in Media Studies from the University of South Florida.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Florida

Education

- J.D., *cum laude,* Western Michigan University
- B.A., University of South Florida

Memberships

- Florida Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division

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