

# D. Keith Wickenden

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## Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Probate, Trust & Guardianship Litigation

## Education

- Florida State University, J.D., with honors, 1991
- Florida State University, B.A., 1983

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida Bar, 1991
- U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

## Overview

Keith Wickenden's practice is focused on civil litigation, including the resolution of probate and trust disputes, commercial and business claims, and construction litigation. In his fourth decade of practice, Keith is Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated and listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*. He has litigated and resolved cases with millions of dollars at stake.

Keith represents individuals, financial institutions, contractors, professionals and corporations in a variety of litigation matters before federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels. Keith also has jury trial experience in a wide range of cases, both as plaintiffs' and defendants' counsel.

Keith remains dedicated to identifying the underlying drivers of the dispute at hand as quickly and efficiently as possible. His many years of hard-earned advocacy acumen, both in

and out of the courtroom, support him in addressing the issues that matter most to judges and juries alike. A strong communicator who believes in clear answers and explanations and regular client outreach and responsiveness, Keith stands ready to explain the litigation process at all phases of development. He focuses on articulating the potential risks and benefits of litigation as it applies to his client's specific case.

Prior to attending law school, Keith served in the United States Air Force as an intelligence officer. During law school and for several years during his practice, he served in the United States Air Force Reserve. Serving in the military allowed Keith to develop tremendous discipline and patience when interacting and dealing with a wide range of individuals from all walks of life. He brings these skills to his dispute resolution practice today, particularly when addressing witnesses in depositions.

## Representative Matters

- *Kountze v. Kountze*, 93 So. 3d 1164 (Fla. 2d DCA 2012)
- *Ocean Bank v. First Florida Bank*, 417 Fed. Appx. 928 (11th Cir. 2011)
- *Sterling Factors Corp. v. U.S. Bank National Association*, 968 So. 2d 658 (Fla. 2d DCA 2007)
- *Penn Millers Insurance Co. v. AG-Mart Produce, Inc.*, 260 Fed. Appx. 175 (11th Cir. 2007)
- *Morgan v. Cornell*, 939 So. 2d 344 (Fla. 2d DCA 2006)
- *Estate of Tensfeldt v. Tensfeldt*, 839 So. 2d 720 (Fla. 2d DCA 2003)
- *Marco Island Civic Association, Inc., v. Mazzini*, 805 So. 2d 928 (Fla. 2d DCA 2001)

## Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2010-24
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Litigation – Construction
  - Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- *Naples Illustrated*, “Top Lawyers,” Business Litigation, 2023
- AV rated as independently determined by Martindale-Hubbell

## Publications & Presentations

- Former Editor, Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar Journal
- Author, “Waiver of Privilege by Issue Injection,” Florida Bar Journal, April 1996

## Professional Associations & Memberships

- The Florida Bar
  - Real Property, Probate – Trust Law Section
  - Trial Lawyers Section
- Collier County Bar Association
  - Trial Lawyers Section, Former President
- Barrister, American Inns of Court
  - Thomas L. Biggs Section

## **Civic & Community Service**

- Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Member
- Education Foundation of Collier County, Member
- Collier School Readiness Coalition, Member
- Leadership Collier Class of 2006
- United Way Volunteer