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## **Professional Employment**

### **Creed & Gowdy, P.A.**

(formerly known as Mills & Carlin, P.A., Mills & Creed, P.A., and  
Mills Creed & Gowdy, P.A.)  
Jacksonville, Florida  
January 2003 – present

### **Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLC**

(formerly Baumer, Bradford & Walters, P.A.)  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Partner, 1997 – 2002  
Associate, 1992 – 1997

### **Turner, Enochs & Lloyd, P.A.**

Greensboro, North Carolina  
Associate, 1991 – 1992

## **Education**

### **University of North Carolina School of Law**

Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Juris Doctor with Honors (1991)

Order of the Coif	1991
Legal Research Assistant, Professor Ron Link	1990-1991
Staff Member, North Carolina Law Review	1989-1990
Dean's List	1988-1991
Recipient, Charles S. Mangum, Jr. Scholarship (merit)	1988-1991

### **University of Virginia**

Charlottesville, Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts (English) (1988)

Dean's List

## **Professional Qualifications and Awards**

Admitted to practice in Florida (1993) and North Carolina (1991)

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida

Board Certified in Appellate Practice by The Florida Bar (2001-present)

Florida Super Lawyer (2006-2023)

Top 100 Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2023)

Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyer (2006, 2017, 2019-2023)

Top 25 Jacksonville, Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2023)

Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice

*Jacksonville Magazine* (2016)

Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* (2012, 2014-2017, 2019-2022)

Florida Justice Association, S. Victor Tipton Award (2014)

## **Professional Memberships and Community Service**

The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section

Executive Council (2010-2014)

Editor, Appellate Practice Guide (September 2007-2014)

Jacksonville Bar Association

Appellate Law Committee (Chair, 2004-2005; Co-Chair, 2024-present)

Florida Justice Association (2010–present)

Chair, Appellate Section (2015–2016)

First District Appellate American Inn of Court

Master (2012–2023)

Alumnus (2023–present)

Florida Family Law Inn of Court  
Barrister (2012– 2016)  
Master (2017–present)  
Program Coordinator (2022–present)

Chester Bedell American Inn of Court  
Barrister (2005–2008)

Supreme Court of Florida Committee on Judicial Evaluations (2006–2007)

Riverside Presbyterian Day School  
Trustee (2010–2014)  
Assistant Chair, Building and Grounds Committee (2011–2012)  
Assistant Chair, Trustees Committee (2012–2013)

Riverside Presbyterian Church  
Stewardship Committee (2011–2012)  
Elder (2016–2019)  
Human Resources Committee  
Assistant Chair (2016–2017)  
Chair (2017–2019)  
Interim Search Committee  
Chair (2019)

Community Hospice Foundation, Sunset in Costa Rica Committee  
Member (2010, 2012, 2014)

## **Notable Cases**

*McGowan v. McGowan*, 344 So. 3d 607 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Represented former wife in obtaining reversal of final judgment of dissolution of marriage. The First District Court of Appeal agreed with the former wife that the trial court erred in classifying, valuing, and unequally distributing the parties' assets and liabilities.

*Select Specialty v. Barth*, 277 So. 3d 201 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Represented seriously-injured patient in defending against an appeal filed by the acute care hospital responsible for patient's negligent treatment. The First District Court of Appeal agreed with the patient that the trial court erred in allowing the jury to apportion a percentage of fault to a health care provider

other than the named defendant. The effect of this ruling was to allow all damages awarded by the jury to be assessed against the acute care hospital.

*Bennett v. St. Vincent's Medical Center, Inc.*, 71 So. 3d 828 (Fla. 2011)

Represented parents of a severely brain-damaged infant who successfully challenged an overly broad statutory interpretation of Florida's Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan (NICA) before the Supreme Court of Florida.

*Anderson v. Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.*,

66 So. 3d 1095 (Fla. 2d DCA 2011)

Persuaded the Second District Court of Appeal, on behalf of parents of a brain-damaged child, to enforce the parents' right to elect and pursue civil remedies against the hospital in circuit court.

*Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Co. v. Harrell*

53 So. 3d 1084 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010)

Represented privately-insured plaintiff in enforcing her right to present evidence to the jury of the gross amount of her total medical bills, rather than the lesser amount paid by the private health insurer.

### **Selected Lectures, Seminars, Publications, and Panel Discussions**

*Update on Changes to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure*

Jacksonville Justice Association: Annual Seminar

November 2024

Moderator and Co-Chair, *Beyond the Bar: Florida's Fifth DCA*

Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar

October 2024

*Navigating Presuit Notice*

Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar

April 2024 Webinar

*Practice-Specific Trends and Recurring Issues: Family Law Appeals*

Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar: Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal 2022

April 2022

Moderator, *Panel Presentation on the New Summary Judgment Standard*  
Jacksonville Justice Association: Annual Seminar  
November 2021

Case Law Update on Proposals for Settlement  
Jacksonville Justice Association: Quarterly Meeting  
August 2021  
Panelist, *PFS Involving Insurance Companies*  
Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar  
July 2021

*Final vs. Non-Final Orders*  
Appeals 101: Tips to Avoid Traps for the Unwary  
Florida Family Law American Inn of Court  
January 2021

*Proposals for Settlement: Strategies of Settling a Case*  
Jacksonville Justice Association: Annual Seminar  
November 22, 2019

*Calculating the Amount of Fees Recoverable Under a Proposal for Settlement*  
Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar  
July 2020

*Deposition Do's and Don'ts*  
Florida Justice Association: Annual Convention  
June 2019

*Has the Proposal Been "Beaten"?*  
Florida Justice Association: Proposals for Settlement Webinar  
March 2019

*Jury Selection: Case Law You Need to Know for Great Jury Selection*  
Florida Justice Association: Christian D. Searcy Voir Dire Institute  
August 2018

*An Appellate Perspective: What Trial Lawyers Need to Know*  
Florida Justice Association: Advanced Trial Skills Seminar  
June 2018

*What to Do—And What Not to Do—During Voir Dire to Preserve Your Verdict or to Preserve Error*

Florida Justice Association: Christian D. Searcy Voir Dire Institute  
August 2018

*An Appellate Perspective: What Trial Lawyers Need to Know*

Florida Justice Association: Advanced Trial Skills Seminar  
June 2018

*Offers of Judgment: Proposals for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: CLE Webinar  
October 2016

*Mistakes Made in the Underlying Verdict and the Trial Itself in the Bad Faith Case*

Florida Justice Association: Insurance Bad Faith Seminar  
September 2016

*The Record: Perspectives on Preservation from the Bench and Bar*

Jacksonville Bar Association: Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar  
February 2016

*Overview and Analysis of Recent Changes to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure*

Florida Justice Association Journal  
January/February 2016

*Offers of Judgment: Proposals for Settlement*

Florida Justice Association: CLE Webinar  
October 2015

*Discussion with the Florida Supreme Court: A Reminder of Our Responsibilities as Florida Lawyers*

The Record, Fall 2012

*New Appellate Rule for Probate and Guardianship Proceedings*

The Florida Bar Journal, Sept.-Oct. 2012  
(co-authored with Jennifer Shoaf Richardson)

*Offensive and Defensive Strategies for the Proposal for Settlement*  
Florida Justice Association: Workhorse Seminar  
March 2012

*Preservation of Error at Trial*  
Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar  
Jacksonville Bar Association  
June 2011

*Immediately Appealable Orders*  
Solo and Small Firm Section of the Jacksonville Bar Association  
April 2011

Moderator and Chair, *Hot Topics in Appellate Practice*  
Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar  
March 2011

*Goble: Implications of the Common Law Collateral Source Rule*  
Auto Negligence Seminar (Fort Lauderdale and Tampa)  
Florida Justice Association  
September 2010

*Preservation of Error*  
Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar  
Jacksonville Bar Association  
June 2010

*Appellate Strategies for County Attorneys*  
Florida Association of County Attorneys  
June 2009

*Immediately Appealable Orders*  
Jacksonville Justice Association  
April 2009

*Federal Case Law Update*  
Hot Topics in Appellate Practice Seminar  
Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar  
November 2006