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L. Robert Bourgeois practices in the areas of personal injury and property damage with emphasis on aviation torts, products liability, toxic torts and construction litigation. His clients range from individuals and small manufacturers to Fortune 500 companies.

Representative Experience

- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A.
Attorney, August 1988 to October 2008

Presentations and Publications

Mr. Bourgeois is a frequent lecturer and author on aviation and products liability issues and trial techniques.

- "The Amazing Case - Defending the Multi-Million Dollar Lawsuit," Speaker, 2008 Young Lawyers Seminar, Defense Research Institute, Lake Buena Vista, FL, June 2008
- "The Advent of Passenger Rights--Is Legislation in the Offing?," Author and Speaker, Annual Seminar of the American Bar Association Aviation & Space Committee, Washington, D.C., October 2007
- "Pilot Error? Stories Behind Celebrity Plane Crashes," Speaker, Middleton Academy of Aeronautics & Astronautics, Tampa, FL, October 2007
- "Prosecution and the Defense of a Products Liability Case," Author and Speaker, Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tampa, FL, September 2007
- "How to Successfully Defend a Multimillion Dollar Case: A Look Behind the Scenes of Estate of Payne Stewart v. Lear," Author, IADC Annual Meeting, Bermuda, July 2007
- "Current Trends in Products Liability and Aviation Law," Author & Speaker, 2006 Annual Education Seminar, Tampa Bay Paralegal Association, September 2006

Practice Areas

Toxic Tort / Mold /
Asbestos / Benzene

Aviation

Construction Litigation

Personal Injury Litigation

Products Liability

Education

J.D., Highest Honors,
Florida State University
College of Law, 1988 (*Law
Review*; Order of the Coif)

B.A, *cum laude*, Florida
State University, 1984

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the
United States

Florida State Courts

U.S. District Court,
Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court,
Northern District of
Florida

U.S. District Court,
Southern District of
Florida

- "Cross-Examination of the Plaintiff at Trial," Author, 2006 Florida Defense Lawyers Association, *Defense Manual*
- "High-Tech Courtroom Demonstrations: Do's and Don'ts," Author & Speaker, ABA Section of Litigation Products Liability Breakfast Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 2006
- "The Trial of the Payne Stewart Case," Speaker, 2006 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, Tampa, FL
- "Forum Non-Conveniens in Aviation Cases," Author and Speaker, Annual Products Liability Conference Aviation/Aerospace Committee, Las Vegas, NV, February 2006
- "Current Trends in Products Liability Law and The Defense of the Payne Stewart Case," Speaker, Florida Law for Insurance Professionals Seminar, Tampa, FL, October 2005
- "Trial Techniques for Defending Manufacturers in Product Liability Cases," Speaker, Hillsborough County Bar Association Products Liability Seminar, Tampa, FL, January 2004
- "Proper Hearing Techniques," Speaker, Bridge The Gap Seminar, Tampa, FL, 2000-2003

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Former Co-Chair, Aviation and Space Law Committee; Tort Insurance Practice Section; Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee
- Defense Research Institute: Aviation/Aerospace Committee
- The Florida Bar: Trial Lawyers Section
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Former Pro Bono Project for Foster Care Children; Trial Lawyers Section; Former Young Lawyers Committee to Assist the Elderly

Distinctions

AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Best Lawyers in America, 2008-2012

Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2011; ranked in the top 2% of practicing Florida Bar Members

Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2011

Tampa's Top Attorneys, 2011