

## Matthew R. Easterwood

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Matthew R. Easterwood practices in the firm's General Trial Practice Group, with a focus on personal injury litigation, property damage litigation, and premises liability.

### Representative Experience

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, December 2016 to Present  
Associate, May 2011 to December 2016
- Grant Law Group, Tampa, FL  
Associate, January 2008 to May 2011
- Office of the State Attorney, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Tampa, FL  
Certified Legal Intern, January 2007 to May 2007
- Herndon & Costner, P.C., Savannah, GA  
Law Clerk, May 2005 to- August 2005

### Professional Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association

### Community Involvement

- Advocacy Skills Trainer (Trial Team Coach), Stetson University College of Law

### Distinctions

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell  
**The Best Lawyers® in America**, 2021-2023  
**Florida Rising Star®**, 2015-2020  
**Best Advocate Award**, 2007 Chester Bedell Memorial Mock Trial Competition  
**Stallworth Trial Team Award**, 2007  
**Academic All-American, District Team**, 2001-2002  
**President's Cup Winner**, 2002 (Highest Student-Athlete GPA)

### Practice Areas

Automobile Negligence  
Personal Injury Litigation  
Premises Liability  
Property Damage Litigation  
Trucking & Transportation

### Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law, 2007 - Mock Trial Team, Phi Delta Phi  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2003, Political Science, President's Cup

### Bar Admissions

Florida

### Court Admissions

Florida State Courts  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida