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Donald S. Bennett practices in the area of workers' compensation and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Act--both in the trial and appellate phases. He exclusively practices in defense of employers, carriers, and servicing agents.

**Representative Experience**

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL  
Shareholder, November 2008 to Present

**Presentations and Publications**

**Presentations**

- Frequent Lecturer and Manual Author, National Business Institute, Inc.
- Frequent Lecturer and Manual Author, Sterling Educational Services, Inc.
- Frequent Lecturer and Manual Author, Lorman Educational Services, Inc.
- Ethics and Professionalism Panelist, Florida Workers' Compensation Educational Conference
- Ethics and Professionalism Moderator, Florida Workers' Compensation Educational Conference
- Lecturer, Florida Workers' Compensation Forum, Florida Bar

**Practice Areas**

Workers' Compensation  
Appellate, Coverage & Law  
Longshore and Harbor  
Workers' Compensation Act  
(LHWCA)  
Defense Base Act (DBA)  
Outer Continental Shelf  
Lands Act (OCSLA)  
Workers' Compensation  
Compliance and Stop Work  
Orders

**Education**

J.D., Wake Forest University  
School of Law, 1987  
(Executive Council of Moot  
Court Board)  
B.A., With Distinction,  
Pennsylvania State  
University, 1984 (Phi Beta  
Kappa)

**Bar Admissions**

Florida

**Court Admissions**

Florida State Courts  
Florida Supreme Court

**Professional Affiliations**

- The Florida Bar: Executive Council, Workers' Compensation Section (1996-99); Representative at All Bar Conference, 1992
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

**Distinctions**

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**The Best Lawyers® in America**, 2006-2011, 2013-2014, 2016-2018

**Best Lawyers®, Lawyer of the Year, Workers' Compensation Law - Employers**, 2017

**Florida Super Lawyers®**, 2007, 2009-2013