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Douglas Melamed practices in all areas of insurance defense litigation and insurance coverage litigation. His practice has focused on products/premises liability, construction litigation, liquor liability, wrongful death claims, medical malpractice, and negligent security. Additionally, he has developed a niche practice in representing and defending professional and amateur sports and athletic organizations and venues against liability claims in the aforementioned areas of litigation. He has successfully represented a diverse group of clientele including sports organizations and venues, child care centers, taverns/bars, roofers, general contractors, fire sprinkler companies, health care institutions, commercial plazas, security companies, product manufacturers, and insurers. In doing so, Mr. Melamed has handled every aspect of the litigation process from advanced motion practice to trial and all the way through to appeal.

Representative Experience

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Shareholder, 2013 to Present
- Bell & Melamed, LLC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Managing Member, 2004 to 2013
- Ritter, Chusid, Bwona & Cohen, Boca Raton, FL
Associate, 2002 to 2004
- Michaud Bushman Boca Raton, et al Boca Raton, FL
Associate, 2001 to 2002
- Milton, Leach, D'Andrea, Jacksonville, FL
Associate, 1998 to 2001

Practice Areas

Civil Litigation
Construction Litigation
Health Care Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Nursing Home & ALF Litigation
Products Liability
Insurance Defense
Negligent Security Litigation
Personal Injury Litigation
Premises Liability
Wrongful Death
Liquor Liability
Automobile Negligence

Education

J.D., University Of Miami
School Of Law, 1998,
(Litigation Skills Honors,
National Mock Trial Team)
M.S., Education And Sports
Science, University Of Miami,
1995
B.A., Philosophy/History, State
University Of New York at
Binghamton, 1992

Professional Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
- Defense Research institute
- Broward County Bar Association
- Florida Association of Self-Insureds
- National Fire Protection Association

Community Involvement

- City of Coral Springs Youth Soccer League Member/Coach
- Boy Scouts of America Pack 246

Distinctions

AV Preeminent, Peer Review Rated 5.0 out of 5.0

Cambridge Who's Who, (2009-2010)

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

Florida State Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. Supreme Court