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## MICHAEL G. TANNER

In over thirty years of legal practice, Mike Tanner has earned a reputation as one of north Florida's top business trial lawyers. He is a skilled legal strategist and, as senior Principal of the firm, brings a depth of experience and perspective to every client matter. Mike's primary areas of practice include complex litigation, appellate (state and federal courts), and election law.

Mike Tanner's recent appeals include:

- Dawn K. Roberts, etc. v. Brown, et al., 2010 WL 3398795 (Fla., Aug. 31, 2010)
- JEA v. Florida Power & Light Co., 34 Fla. L. Weekly D502, 2009 WL 536856 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009)
- Griffin v. Griffin, 2008 WL 2403703, 33 Fla. L. Weekly D1573 (Fla. 1st DCA 2008)
- Craig v. Craig, 982 So. 2d 724 (Fla. 1st DCA 2008)
- Churchville v. GACS Inc., 973 So. 2d 1212 (Fla. 1st DCA 2008)
- Routon v. PBS & J Const. Services, Inc., 971 So. 2d 252 (Fla. 2d DCA 2008)

Mike's legal acumen and experience have made him one of North Florida's most recognized attorneys. He is Board Certified in both civil trial and business litigation by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education and he is rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell, Inc. (since 1987). Mike is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for both Commercial Litigation and Appellate Law. He has been recognized within *Florida Trend Magazine's* "Legal Elite" (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) and also in *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011). For 2007-2008, Mike was Chair of The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, which oversees all certification programs for The Florida Bar. He has been widely published and has taught advocacy at the University of Florida College of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law and Kebel College, Oxford University.

### Selected Professional Distinctions and Associations

- The Florida Bar Board of Governors, representing the 4th Judicial Circuit (2011-2012)
- Recipient of the Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award for The Florida Bar Board Certified Lawyer of the Year (2010)
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar



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## Areas of Practice

- Business Trials and Litigation
- Appellate (State & Federal)
- Creditors' Rights
- Election Law

## Education

- University of Florida, J.D., 1978
- Executive Editor of the University of Florida Law Review
- Davidson College, A.B. Economics, 1975

## Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Seventh and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle & Southern Districts of Florida
- The Florida Bar

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- Jacksonville Bar Association
- The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, Chair (2007-2008)
- First District Appellate American Inn of Court; Master; President (2011-2012)
- Chester Bedell Inn of Court, Master

## Publications

- *The Florida Bar Journal*, February 2010: “Basic Steps for Good Peer Review”
- *The Florida Bar Journal*, May 2002: “RICO Claims: The Challenge of Alleging the ‘Pattern’ Element.” (co-author)
- *The Tax Lawyer*, Vol. 55, No. 1, Fall 2001 (ABA/Georgetown University Law Center): “IRS Misconduct in an Audit: Is There a Civil Remedy?”
- *The Florida Bar Journal*, December 1999: “Federal Judgments In Florida – Still Good After 5 Years.”
- *The Florida Bar Journal*, December, 1998: “Releases – Make Sure They Bring Finality.”