

## Neil A. Ambekar

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Neil A. Ambekar is a partner in the firm's Workers' Compensation practice group. He exclusively represents employers and carriers in workers' compensation matters, including appeals and subrogation issues. He is board certified in Workers' Compensation Law, and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

Neil is the chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Section, vice-chair of the Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Rules Advisory Committee, and a member of the Workers' Compensation Section Executive Council. He is a member of the faculty and steering committee of the Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum, and the secretary of the Judge William Wieland Inn of Court.

Neil obtained a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Central Florida, and a Juris Doctor from Florida A&M University College of Law. Prior to and during law school, he worked as a paralegal for a statewide insurance defense firm handling workers' compensation matters, and he has over 15 years of total experience in workers' compensation matters.



### Practice Areas:

- Workers' Compensation Defense
- COVID-19: Nursing Home & Healthcare Defense
- Subrogation

### Admitted to Practice:

- Florida, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2018

### Education:

- Florida A & M University College of Law, J.D. 2014
  - *FAMU Law Review*, Articles Editor
- University of Central Florida, B.A. 2004

### Professional Affiliations:

- The Florida Bar, Workers' Compensation Section, Executive Council; 2022-2024 term
- The Florida Bar, Workers' Compensation Rules Committee; Vice-Chair, 2022-2023 term
- Orange County Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section; Chair, 2022-2023 term
- Judge William Wieland American Inn of Court; Secretary, 2022-2024 term

### Honors & Awards:

- *The Best Lawyers in America, 2024*, Listed in Florida for Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2023
- Board Certified in Workers' Compensation Law, 2021
- AV® Preeminent™ rated by Martindale-Hubbell, 2017-2022
- InTouch Excellence Awards, Exceptional Defense Attorney 2018

## Speaking Engagements:

- "Workers' Comp for People Who Don't Do Workers' Comp (just the bits you need to know," Presenter, RIMS Orlando Chapter Meeting, November 2023
- "Death/Dependency Benefits and Mental and Nervous Injuries," Co-Presenter, The Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum, April 2023
- "Death & Dependency Benefits," Presenter Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum Coursebook, March 2022
- "Workers' Compensation Case Law Update," Orange County Bar Association Webinar, 2021
- "COVID-19 & Florida Workers' Compensation Law...Where Are We Now?," Presenter, InTouch Webinar, 2020
- "Exposure & Occupational Disease," 21st Annual Southeast Florida Workers' Compensation Claims Conference of International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in Sunrise, Florida, 2019
- "Compensability of Cancer Under Florida Workers' Compensation Law," University of Miami Health Workers' Compensation Symposium in Miami, Florida, 2019
- "Defending Traumatic Brain Injury Claims," Co-Presenter with Eric Kaplan, M.D., North American Risk Services in Orlando, Florida, 2018
- "Effective Written Advocacy," Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Florida, 2017
- "Florida Workers' Compensation: What an Employer Should Know," American Society of Safety Engineers, 2017

## Publications:

- "Death & Dependency Benefits," 2022 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum Coursebook (March 2022)
- "Wellness in Workers' Compensation," News & 440 Report (Fall 2021),1
- "DeLisle & the Demise of Florida's *Daubert* Standard," The Briefs (Magazine of the Orange County Bar Association), Vol. 87, No. 4. (May 2019),
- "Equitable Estoppel & Workers' Compensation Immunity: Why Litigants and The Courts Are Getting Ahead of Themselves," 10 FLA. A & M UNIV. L. REV. 309 (May 2016),

## Community Involvement:

- Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund, board member (2019-2022)
- Orange County Teen Court, Judge (2017-2019)
- American Moot Court Association, Southeastern Regional Moot Court Competition Judge (2014-2018, 2020)

## Social Media:

- LinkedIn