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Awards & Honors

- Most Effective Lawyers (2007 finalist) by the Florida Daily Business Review.
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Verdicts

- Engeda Tadesse f/k/a Engedwork Woldemariam, Appellant v. Gulf Coast Transportation, Inc. d/b/a United Cab and Mohamed Moumen, Appellees
- Nevcherlian (Appellant) v. Mercury Insurance Group (Appellee)
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Practice Areas

- General Liability
- Vehicular Liability
- Trucking Liability
- Premise Liability
- Negligent Security
- Wrongful Death
- Construction Litigation
- Product Liability
- Harassment/Discrimination
- Health, Life & Disability Law
- Federal Practice
- EPL Labor and Employment Law
- Directors & Officers
- Appellate Practice

Industries Represented

- Shopping Malls and Centers
- Home Improvement Retailers
- Rental Car Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Insurance Companies
- Third Party Administrators
- State Bureaus & Agencies

Bar/Court Admission

- 1998, Florida
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Education

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