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Overview

Fred Hawkes practices in the appellate and commercial litigation areas in both state and federal courts and has significant experience representing clients in insurance coverage disputes.

Fred also has experience in constitutional law, including opposing several initiative petitions such as *Advisory Opinion to the Attorney General re Tax Limitation*, 644 So. 2d 486 (Fla. 1994) (voter approval of new taxes, tax corps).

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Litigation and Trials
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation

Industries

- Property & Casualty Insurance

Insights

01.21.2005

Significant Appellate Decision - Federal Arbitration Act

11.23.2004

Significant Appellate Decision - Bad Faith

11.05.2004

Florida's New Good Faith Duty on an Insurer Not to Settle

02.13.2004

Significant Appellate Decision - Res Judicata Effects

04.18.2003

Significant Appellate Decision - Due Process Limitations

Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
 - Appellate Rules Committee, Appellate Practice Section

Credentials

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1980)
- University of London (M.A., 1975)

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

- Harvard University (A.B., magna cum laude, 1972)

Clerkships

- Hon. Alan C. Sundberg

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Background

- Staff Attorney, Florida House of Representatives, Health Care and Insurance Committee, chaired by representative Tom Gustafson
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Alan C. Sundberg, Florida Supreme Court