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Jeff Gill was born in Suffern, New York in 1962. He grew up in Waldwick, New Jersey and graduated from Waldwick High School in 1980. He graduated from Haverford College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1984. Following his graduation from college, Jeff coached high school basketball for a year. He then enrolled in the Vanderbilt University School of Law from which he graduated with a *Juris Doctorate* in 1988. Upon graduation from law school, Jeff began his legal career in the Pensacola office of Carlton, Fields, et al. He founded the firm of Bridgers, Gill & Holman in 1991 and acted as managing partner there until joining Vernis & Bowling in 2002.

Jeff has tried more than 150 civil jury trials. He has tried and won cases in most Florida jurisdictions including Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, Gadsden, Lee, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Suwannee, Dixie, Columbia, Alachua, Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Flagler, Putnam, Marion, Volusia, Lake, Seminole, Orange, Pasco, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Collier counties as well as in the Federal Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts of Florida.

Jeff has served as national trial counsel for several large corporations in defense of their Mass Tort Litigation. He has also served as statewide trial counsel in Florida for several fortune five hundred companies. He has obtained defense verdicts for his clients in wrongful death cases in both State and Federal Courts and has prevailed in trials against some of the most high-profile lawyers in Florida including, but not limited to, Fred Levin, Bob Montgomery, Chris Searcy, Mike Papantonio and Joel Wolpe.

Jeff has been the head basketball coach at Pensacola Catholic High School since 2015 and lead the Crusaders to the final four in 2018.

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William G. Hyland Jr. is located in the firm's Orlando/Deland office. His practice areas include Insurance Defense, Premises Liability, Wrongful Death, Products Liability, Automobile Liability (PD/BI/UM), and Construction Law. Mr. Hyland is a seasoned trial lawyer with thirty-four years of complex, high profile litigation experience, having defended over 100 cases to verdict. Bill's experience in handling matters in these areas of practice includes the handling of catastrophic injury cases, and complex litigation matters involving multiple party actions. A former prosecutor, Bill served as in-house counsel to Travelers Insurance Company for twelve years, handling major exposure cases. He is licensed to practice in Florida, Alabama, Colorado, the District of Columbia, and the United States Supreme Court. An Adjunct Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law and Stetson University, where he teaches advanced Trial Advocacy, his professional

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lectures include speeches at the National Archives and the University of Virginia.

Mr. Hyland was born and raised in Northern Virginia. In 1980, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama and in 1983 he earned his J.D. from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. Mr. Hyland is also a professionally published author of the widely praised book, "*In Defense of Thomas Jefferson*" (St. Martin's/Thomas Dunne Books, 2009), nominated for the Virginia Literary Award. Mr. Hyland also worked with a Top-Secret security clearance for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and served an internship at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. His law review publications include *Legal Advertising and the Decline of the Profession*, *University of Alabama Journal of the Legal Profession* (2011); *A Civil Action: Hemings v. Jefferson*, *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, (2007); *Law v. National Security: When Lawyers Make Terrorism Policy*, *University of Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business* (2008); *Creative Malpractice: The Cinematic Lawyer*, *University of Texas Review of Entertainment and Sport Law*, (2008); *The Politicization of the Founding Fathers*, *The Huffington Post*, (2010).



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Ashley M. Arias was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She graduated from the Saint Thomas University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Administration. Following the completion of her undergraduate studies, Ashley attached Saint Thomas University School of Law, she earned her *Juris Doctor*. While there, Ashley was awarded the Dean's List Award and part took in numerous Student Bar Organizations such as the Cuban American Bar Association, Vice-President of the Florida Association for Women Lawyer's, and the Animal Legal Fund.

After passing the bar and prior to joining Vernis & Bowling of Broward, Ashley practiced in Insurance Defense and General Civil Litigation.

While at Vernis & Bowling, she primarily works on First and Third-Party Insurance Claims and Premises Liability.

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Mike is an attorney at Vernis & Bowling of North Florida, P.A., in Jacksonville, Florida. He represents insureds, self-insureds, individuals, national corporations, domestic and public companies, and non-profit organizations in complex insurance and business litigation matters at both the state and federal levels. Mike maintains a concentrated practice in pre-trial litigation, including client interviews, drafting complex motions and pleadings, developing litigation strategies, and conducting and defending depositions. While he has second chaired jury trials in state and federal court, Mike understands the practical and economic factors associated with litigation and regularly obtains settlements that serve his client's interests at mediation.

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Mike grew up in Johnstown, Pennsylvania where his family owned and operated a dairy business. The non-negotiable core values of honesty, accountability, and ethics were instilled in him at an early age and operate as the foundation for maintaining the reputations of he and his clients with courts, adversaries, and peers.

Prior to joining Vernis & Bowling, Mike worked for one of the nation's premier trial law firms, where he honed his litigation experience by handling all stages of high stakes civil litigation from investigations to discovery and throughout trial. Clients and colleagues alike have remarked on his aptitude for diagnosing problems, identifying innovative solutions, and making those solutions a reality. With a work ethic that is unmatched, Mike is adept at managing deadlines, multi-tasking, and coordinating litigation strategies in a fast-paced environment. He enjoys condensing otherwise-complex issues for the fact-finder through the effective and impactful presentation of information. And in every case, he is committed to efficiently and economically meeting his client's objectives.

Mike met his Wife, Melinda, in law school and attributes much of his professional success to her creativity and counsel over the years. Together, they are devoted to the community and cherish every day with their two young daughters playing golf, riding bikes, and taking family trips to the beaches along the First Coast.



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Megan Pariti was born and raised in Boca Raton, Florida. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Pre- Law and a minor in Business Administration. After college, Megan attended Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Board College of Law, where she earned her *Juris Doctor cum laude*.

Megan was admitted to the Florida Bar and joined the Vernis & Bowling Team soon after. She primarily works on liability defense cases.

When not practicing, Megan enjoys being active with her labrador retrievers and spending time with family and friends

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