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# **VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS**

Joseph, Jo-Ann v. All Channel Enterprises, Inc., David Mazure, United Water Restoration Group, Inc., Tyler M. Gilman and USAA Kelley v. Sun Communities

Savvas v. Wawa

Tonya Oliver v. Foxwood at Trinity Community Association

Rodrigues v. WaWa

Plaintiff v Nativity Catholic Church

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM) Bad Faith/Extra Contractual Litigation

Civil Litigation

Condominium and Homeowners' Association Litigation

Construction and Construction Defect Litigation

Coverage & Declaratory Judgment Actions

Cyber Security & Data Privacy

Director & Officer Liability (D&O)

Employment Law/Employment Litigation

Errors & Omissions Liability (E&O)

First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims

General Civil Litigation

Government Law

Liability Defense

Medical Malpractice

**Negligent Security** 

PIP/Personal Injury Protection Litigation

**Product Liability** 

# Nationally Board Certified Trial Advocate Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator

Christopher Blain is the managing attorney of the Tampa, Florida office. He has worked all aspects of the insurance industry. He is an expert in Civil Trial and is Board Certified by the Florida Bar and Nationally Board Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He was born in Addison, Illinois which is a suburb outside of Chicago. He attended college at Lake Forest College where he graduated in 1996. He continued his education at Barry University, School of Law where he received his *Juris Doctor* in 2002. While in law school, Chris worked under the Honorable Judge Walter Komanski at the Ninth Judicial Circuit, where he researched complex civil litigation issues.

Chris has tried numerous matters to jury verdicts in both State and Federal Courts. He has litigated general liability defense work ranging from handling lawsuits involving claims of wrongful death, premises liability, insurance coverage, auto negligence, negligent security and property claims. Chris has also represented Homeowner/Condominium Associations and their Board Members before HUD, State and Federal Courts regarding disputes arising over deed restrictions, enforcement of those restrictions and alleged discrimination. In addition, Chris has also lectured extensively in these fields where he has been a featured speaker at continuing education seminars around the United States on a variety of insurance defense and litigation topics.

Chris is admitted to practice law in all State Courts in Florida as well as all Federal Courts which include the Northern, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida. He is admitted to practice in the Eleventh Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. Further, he is admitted to practice in all courts in the State of Illinois.

In his free time, Chris enjoys being active in the Tampa area. He is an assistant soccer coach for his son's team and can also be found cheering on his daughter at her drama class performances.

SIU/Suspicious & Fraudulent Claims Subrogation Claims Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability Wrongful Death

# BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar

Illinois Bar

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court of the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

### **FDUCATION**

Graduate:

Barry University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2002

 ${\it Undergraduate:}$ 

Lake Forest College, B.A. degree in Political Science, 1996