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Mr. Hayden graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee in 1984, and received his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1990. During law school, he worked as a judicial assistant for the Honorable Linnea Johnson, Federal Magistrate, District Court for the Southern District of Florida. He also worked as a law clerk in the legal department of Capital Bank. Before entering law school, he worked for several years as a research technician for the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

He is an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Jerry has more than twenty-five years of experience representing employers, insurance carriers and third party administrators in all aspects of workers' compensation matters including, but not necessarily limited to, issues of coverage, compensability, heart and lung statute, occupational exposure, eligibility and entitlement to benefits, utilization review, contribution and indemnification, subrogation, equitable distribution, Medicare Set-Aside Allocations, Special Disability Trust Fund and appeals.

Jerry has represented the State of Florida, its various Divisions, Departments and Agencies in workers' compensation matters for more than twenty consecutive years, including the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Corrections, Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Education, Florida International University, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture. He has handled all aspects of workers' compensation claims, heart/lung statute, contribution, subrogation, Special Disability Trust Fund, offset calculations and appeals as well as other governmental entities such as Monroe County, City of Key West, and Town of Bay Harbor Islands and Miami Dade County School Board.

Jerry has also defended claims on behalf of various insurance carriers, third party administrators, employers and self-insureds. He has recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Special Disability Trust Fund and successfully secured recoveries of workers' compensation liens.

VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

Brian Stone v. Bed, Bath & Beyond and Sedgwick CMS, York Risk Services Group, Avizent
Keston O. Smith v. US Food Services, Inc.
Guillermo Medrano v. Sky Chefs, Inc. and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Joseph Cristin v. Everglades Correctional Institution and Division of Risk Management
Stacey Kubik v. Party City and Travelers Insurance Company
Gertrudis Santaella v. Sky Chefs, Inc. and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Steven Bertlshofer v. Davita Inc. and Broadspire
Keston O. Smith v. US Food Services, Inc. and Sedgwick CMS
Gertrudis Santaella v. Sky Chefs, Inc. and Liberty Mutual Insurance Corporation
Final Compensation Order (Florida Heart & Lung Bill)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative Law
Appellate Practice
Government Law
Labor and Employment Law
Longshore Harbor and Workers' Compensation Act
Workers' Compensation Defense

BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar

EDUCATION

Graduate:

University of Miami Law School, J.D., 1990

Undergraduate:

University of Tennessee, B.A. Degree in Biology, 1984

He has extensive litigation and trial experience and handling all aspects of workers' compensation appeals; 35 FLW D684 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010). He provides educational seminars on Florida workers compensation law.