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VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

Aikens, Kara as PR for the Estate of Deja Gatling v. Nicole Waters and Selma Waters
Berger, Nicholas v. Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (America) and Mauricio Cabada
Crestline Hotels & Resorts, LLC v. Estate of Paul James McKee
Granada Insurance Company v. Gibbons, Robert
Dale Hunt v. P.J. Rodriguez d/b/a Chick-Fil-A Naples Center
Benjamin Press v. NPC International, Inc.
Kandy Magnotti v. Lakewood Ranch Trampoline Sports Center LLC

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM)
Civil Litigation
Coverage & Declaratory Judgment Actions
First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims
General Liability Defense Litigation
Liability Defense
Negligent Security
Premises Liability
Sinkhole Litigation
SIU/Suspicious & Fraudulent Claims
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability
Wrongful Death

BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar, 2012

Kory R. Watson has been with Vernis & Bowling of the Gulf Coast since July of 2013. Kory was born in Springfield, Illinois. In 2008, he graduated with honors from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. While at UIUC, Kory was President of the Undergraduate Patent Law Society and Treasurer of the Chi Epsilon National Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society.

Kory then attended Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, Illinois. After his first year, he was accepted as a member of the Southern Illinois University Law Journal and his work was chosen twice for publication. Kory also served as Vice Justice for the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and as Legal Research Assistant to Professor Patricia McCubbin. He graduated *cum laude* from Southern Illinois University School of Law obtaining his *Juris Doctorate* in 2011. Academic achievements include: Dean's List, *Phi Kappa Phi* Award, Academic Excellence Award, and Dean's Scholarship.

After graduation, Kory entered private practice where he focused on civil litigation in Tampa, Florida, and assisted in the litigation of numerous personal injury cases. In July of 2013, Kory joined Vernis & Bowling of the Gulf Coast, then located in Clearwater, Florida. The Clearwater office was later relocated to St. Petersburg in January of 2015. When Kory is not working he enjoys fishing, wakeboarding, cooking, and watching his favorite sports teams.

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EDUCATION

Graduate:
Southern Illinois University School of Law, *Juris Doctorate*, 2011
Honors:
cum laude, Dean's List, two semesters, Dean's Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi Award, Academic Excellence Award

Undergraduate:
University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering, 2008
Honors:
Graduated with honors, Dean's List, six semesters, Chi Epsilon National Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Kory Watson, Note, Unauthorized Access to Web-based E-mail: Recovery Under the Stored Communications Act After Van Alstyne v. Electronic Scriptorium Ltd., 560 F.3d 199 (4th Cir. 2009), 35 S. ILL. U. L.J. 543 (2011).
Kory Watson, Comment, Fill Material Pollution Under the Clean Water Act: A Need for Legislative Change, 35 S. ILL. U. L.J. 335 (2011).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association