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## VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

*Harbison v. WWF Homeowners' Association, Inc.*

*Comas v. State Attorney of Volusia County and Daytona Beach PD*

*McMillion, Nicole v. Southern Oak Insurance Company*

*Stewart, Nichole and Stewart v. Cheryl Smith, Cheryl Smith*

*Realty, Inc., et al.*

*Beasley v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Lilac Group-Sanford, LLC*

*David Galat v. William R. Ferrara and William A. Ferrara*

*Christine Green v. William Garbarino*

*Anderson v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A*

*Deese v. Realtors Association of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc., et  
al.*

*Debra Ratliff v. Mary Christopherson and Sun Communities, Inc.,*

*d/b/a Grand Lake RV Resort*

*Walko, Laura v. Wawa, Inc*

*Bluegreen Vacations Unlimited, Inc. and Vacation Trust, Inc. v.*

*Kathleen McHugh, et al.*

*Palms Rental Program, LLC v. Parkway Palms Resort*

*Condominium Association*

*Claimcap, LLC . v. American Integrity*

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Community Based Care

Director & Officer Liability (D&O)

Employment Law/Employment Litigation

Errors & Omissions Liability (E&O)

First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims

Matthew B. Bernstein was born near Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, and grew up in Martin County, Florida. Matthew ("Matt") graduated from the University of Central Florida, *cum laude*, in 2009 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Legal Studies. In 2013, Matt earned his *Juris Doctorate* degree from the California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. Upon passing the California bar exam in July 2013, Matt began practicing at a boutique law firm in San Diego where he focused his practice on real property transactions, landlord-tenant disputes, and estate planning.

In 2015, Matt moved back to the Central Florida area and passed the July 2016 Florida bar exam. Since joining Vernis & Bowling, Matt has focused his practice on community based care, director & officer liability, errors & omissions liability, employment liability, first and third party property & casualty claims (including PIP, bodily injury, auto glass, and SIU), and general civil litigation defense.

Matt is the Vernis & Bowling of Central Florida's Department Managing Attorney for D&O, E&O, and EPL claims. Matt has represented numerous residential and commercial community associations in claims arising from management and resident disputes, as well as professional associations/companies, such as real estate brokerages, in claims arising from alleged disclosure and misrepresentation issues. Matt has defended employers with respect to charges of discrimination filed with the EEOC and litigation regarding alleged ADA violations. Matt also serves as General Counsel for the REALTORS Association of Lake & Sumter Counties.

When he is not working, Matt is enjoying spending time with his lovely wife, Erica, their son, Ari, and their dog, Leia. Matt has attended more than 150 concerts over the past several years and considers himself a history and movie enthusiast.

Medical Malpractice

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## BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar

California Bar

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

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## EDUCATION

*Graduate:*

California Western School of Law, 2013

*Undergraduate:*

University of Central Florida, *cum laude*, Legal Studies, 2009