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VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

Oakes Farms Food & Distribution Services, LLC and Francis A.

*Oakes, III v. Chris N. Patricca and The School District of Lee
County, Florida, et al*

*Florida National Insurance Solutions Inc., v. Welcome Home
Development Corp.*

*Yindra Carmona and Victor Lopez, Sr., as Mother and Father and
Legal Guardians of a minor vs. School Board Of Lee County.*

*Iberia Bank v. Blue Water Coach Homes Condominium
Association, Inc.*

Sabrina Moore v. Maritta and Kenneth Stevens

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate Practice

Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM)

Condominium and Homeowners' Association Litigation

Construction and Construction Defect Litigation

Director & Officer Liability (D&O)

First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims

Product Liability

Public Entities

BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar

United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts
of Florida

Oklahoma Bar

Philip Fairman was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Phil obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master's Degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Cincinnati. Phil obtained his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Phil began his legal career as a prosecutor with the State Attorney's office in Ft Myers. Phil then worked as a corporate attorney for Carnival Cruise Lines and then again as a prosecutor with the State Attorney's office in Sarasota.

Phil joined the Ft. Myers office of Vernis & Bowling of Southwest Florida nearly 20 years ago. Phil worked as an in-house liability trial attorney with St Paul-Travelers Insurance Company. Phil then worked for over a decade as an Assistant County Attorney for Charlotte County where he defended public entity liability claims. Phil returned to Vernis & Bowling of Southwest Florida where he continues to practice in the areas of property and casualty insurance, automobile liability, premises liability, and Director and Officers litigation. He represents insurance companies, insureds and self-insureds in trial and appellate litigation. Phil has represented clients in successful jury trials in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough and Highlands counties.

Phil is a member of the Florida Bar, Oklahoma Bar, Federal District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and Federal District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

In his free time, Phil enjoys lap swimming, cruising with wife and his adult children, and cooking on his Big Green Egg. He is Tampa Bay Rays fan but still closely follows his hometown Cincinnati Reds.

EDUCATION

Graduate:

University of Tulsa, *Juris Doctor*

University of Cincinnati, Master's Degree in Labor and Industrial Relations

Undergraduate:

University of Cincinnati, Bachelor's Degree in History

REPORTED DECISIONS

Charlotte County v. Grant Medical Transportation, Inc. 68 So.3d 920

In the Interest of C.W., a Child 681 So.2d 1181

Better Roads Incorporated v. Maria De Jesus Gonzalez et al, and Ronald Dale Walker and Krehling Industries, Inc. 744 So.2d 1123
Oakes Farms Food & Distribution Services, LLC and Francis A.

Oakes, III vs Chris Patricca et al 154 F. 4th 1338 (11th Circuit 2025)