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## VERDICTS AND DISPOSITIONS

*James Metzenheim, v. VGS Infrastructure Services, Inc., and City of Daytona Beach Shores, and Florida Department of Transportation*

*George Lopez and Caroline Vardavas, v. Gregory Campbell and Hansel Johnson*

*Arlene Y. Oliver vs WAWA, Inc.*

*Meinert, Ann Marie v. Wawa, Inc.*

*Richard Langlois v. Lowes*

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate Practice

Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM)

Construction and Construction Defect Litigation

First and Third Party Property and Casualty Claims

Negligent Security

Premises Liability

Product Liability

SIU/Suspicious & Fraudulent Claims

Wrongful Death

## BAR & COURT ADMISSION

Florida Bar, 1984

Alabama Bar, 1984

District of Columbia Bar, 1985

Colorado Bar, 1996

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

William G. Hyland Jr. is located in the firm's Orlando/Deland office. His practice areas include Insurance Defense, Premises Liability, Wrongful Death, Products Liability, Automobile Liability (PD/BI/UM), and Construction Law. Mr. Hyland is a seasoned trial lawyer with thirty-four years of complex, high profile litigation experience, having defended over 100 cases to verdict. Bill's experience in handling matters in these areas of practice includes the handling of catastrophic injury cases, and complex litigation matters involving multiple party actions. A former prosecutor, Bill served as in-house counsel to Travelers Insurance Company for twelve years, handling major exposure cases. He is licensed to practice in Florida, Alabama, Colorado, the District of Columbia, and the United States Supreme Court. An Adjunct Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law and Stetson University, where he teaches advanced Trial Advocacy, his professional lectures include speeches at the National Archives and the University of Virginia.

Mr. Hyland was born and raised in Northern Virginia. In 1980, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama and in 1983 he earned his J.D. from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. Mr. Hyland is also a professionally published author of the widely praised book, "*In Defense of Thomas Jefferson*" (St. Martin's/Thomas Dunne Books, 2009), nominated for the Virginia Literary Award. Mr. Hyland also worked with a Top-Secret security clearance for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and served an internship at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. His law review publications include *Legal Advertising and the Decline of the Profession*, *University of Alabama Journal of the Legal Profession* (2011); *A Civil Action: Hemings v. Jefferson*, *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, (2007); *Law v. National Security: When Lawyers Make Terrorism Policy*, *University of Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business* (2008); *Creative Malpractice: The Cinematic Lawyer*, *University of Texas Review of Entertainment and Sport Law*, (2008); *The Politicization of the Founding Fathers*, *The Huffington Post*, (2010).

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## EDUCATION

### *Graduate:*

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, 1983

### *Undergraduate:*

University of Alabama, Bachelor of Arts, 1980

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## MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar Association

Alabama State Bar Association

Colorado State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

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## REPORTED DECISIONS

### *L.E. MYERS CO. v. YOUNG, 165 So.3d 1 (Fla.App. 2 Dist. 2015)*

Mr. Hyland was instrumental in reversing the trial court's decision to grant punitive damages against his client. Estate of deceased motorist whose vehicle collided with 85-foot concrete pole, which was loaded in tractor-trailer parked alongside road as part of installation project, brought negligence action against general contractor in charge of the project, as well as subcontractors and other driver. The Circuit Court, Manatee County, Peter Dubensky, J., granted partial summary judgment in favor of estate, rejecting contractor's affirmative defense that it was entitled to setoff for subcontractors' negligence and, following jury trial, entered judgment for estate. General contractor appealed. Holdings: The District Court of Appeal, Villanti, J., held that: evidence did not support determination that general contractor's conduct was of a gross or flagrant character evincing a reckless disregard for human life, so as to support award of punitive damages. Reversed and remanded.

### *Charles v. Stevens*

2018, Auto Accident, \$18,000 verdict for plaintiff after asking for \$1,000,000 at trial

Comments from Mr. Hyland's client—"I am very pleased with how my trial went and very fortunate to have had Mr. Hyland as my lawyer. He was very professional and kept me calm and informed during my trial. I am very pleased with how he kept in contact with me before and during the trial informing me on how it was going and what to expect. It really made a difference in how I felt and made me feel more comfortable about the situation. I was

impressed with how he worked and how polite he was and I felt he really cared how I wasn't feeling about the trial and was very thankful for that. I couldn't have asked for a better lawyer and am pleased with how the trial turned out and glad I had a lawyer that cared how I felt and helped lower my anxiety about the situation."

*Taft v. Hummel*; Auto Case, Defense Verdict, 2018

*Rosique v Pruna*; Auto Case, Defense Verdict, 2017

*Vellon v Mercury*; Defense Verdict, 2016 (Defense awarded \$30,000 in attorney fees and costs.)

*Stanton v. ABC Action News*; Defense Verdict, 2006

*Robinson v. Peter Lawrence*; Defense Verdict, 2006

*Matthews v. Tuffy Automotive Service*; Defense Verdict, 2005

*McClendon v. Power Burgers, Inc.*; Defense Verdict, 2003

*Gay v. Acclaim Cabinets*; Defense Verdict, 2002

*Smith v. Automotive Rentals*; Defense Verdict, 2002

*Bobbie Stanton*; Defense Verdict, 2006