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Admissions

- Florida
- US Dist. Ct., Southern, Middle and Northern Dists. FL
- US Ct of Appeals, Fourth and Eleventh Circuits

Scott Newman practiced law in Miami for almost 40 years before relocating to North Florida. Scott has extensive experience in insurance coverage and the representation of risk retention groups, primary, umbrella, and excess carriers in high exposure claims. His practice involved professional liability policies such as MPL (medical and miscellaneous), A&E, D&O, LPL, and Financial Lines as well as coverage matters focused on High-Net-Worth Insureds, Uninsured/Underinsured claims, Covid-19, Construction Defects, Marine, Product Liability and Safety, and Transportation claims. He now focuses upon resolving litigants’ disputes short of trial by way of mediation or arbitration.

Work Experience

Upchurch Watson White & Max
Mediator/Arbitrator

Jacksonville,
FL 3/2025 -
Present

Kennedys CMK
Partner

Miami, FL
2022-2023

Marlow, Adler, Abrams, Newman & Lewis
Partner

Miami, FL
1988-2022

Sams, Ward, Newman & Beckham
Associate

Miami, FL
1984-1987

Education

University of Miami Law School
• Chief Justice, Honor Council

Miami, FL
1981-1984

University of Florida

Bachelor of Arts in History
• Florida Blue Key – Honorary Leadership Society

Gainesville, FL
1974-1978

Professional Recognition

- AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law by ALM and Martindale Hubbell
- 2022 Florida Trend recognized Legal Elite in insurance
- 2024 Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Court Mediator
- 2025 Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator and Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association, Trial and Insurance Practice Section
- Florida Bar Association, Trial Section & ADR Section
- International Association of Defense Counsel
 - Chair of Insurance and Reinsurance Committee 2009-2010
 - Chair of Property Insurance Committee 2008-2009
 - Member of Product Liability Committee and Managing Partner Task Force
- Insuralex, International Insurance and Reinsurance Counsel
- Defense Research Institute, Insurance Section
- American College of Coverage Counsel, Fellow
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Dade County Defense Bar Association, President 1998-1999
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Presentations & Publications

- “An in-depth look at changes impacting insurers arising from Florida’s new Tort Reform Act”, Kennedys Co-Author, May 2023
- “Major changes for Florida civil liability and bad faith laws find unanimous support from the Governor and the Legislature”, Kennedys Co-Author, February 2023
- “Does your Business have the Flu? Impacts and Solutions from Covid-19”, IADC Speaker and Author, February 2021
- “Business Expense & Income and Civil Authority Coverage Clauses in Commercial Property Policies as contrasted with the Virus and Bacterium Exclusion”, IADC Webinar Panelist, April 2020
- “Bad Faith Boundaries in Florida and Other States”, Hallmark Financial Specialty Property & Casualty Insurance, February 2020
- “Reverse Bad Faith”, Insuralex Annual Meeting, September 2019
- “Florida Claims Administration Act and Properly Preserving Coverage Issues”, AIG, October 2017
- “Artificial Intelligence and the Use of Robots in the context of Workplace and Professional Liability Exposures”, Insuralex, November 2015
- “What’s Wrong with Florida Courts? Are they Crazy? Bad Faith and other Pitfalls”, Insuralex, April 2014
- “Reservation of Rights and the Application of Florida’s Claims Administration Statute and Bad Faith Considerations”, Lexington Insurance Company, January 2012
- “CGL Coverage for Defective Workmanship”, Mid-Continental Insurance, August 2010
- “Piracy in the 21st Century: An Examination of How Present Day Pirates are Impacting Legal, Political, Business and Insurance Concerns across International Boundaries”, IADC, July 2010
- “Additional Insured Coverage and Exposure”, Gallagher Bassett, September 2009
- “Risk Management and Litigation Update,” Eckerd Youth Alternatives, April 2009
- “Construction Defect Claims – CGL Coverage for Defective Workmanship, Trigger of Coverage and Other Risks and Legal Implications Encountered on the Construction Site”, South Florida Claims Advisory Board, March 2009
- “Recent Developments in Florida Caselaw – Bad Faith Claims Handling, Tort Reform Legislation and Employer Immunity”, ACE, May 2007
- “Tort Reform, Employer Immunity and Enforceability of Indemnity Agreements”, Skychefs International, August 2006
- “Bad Faith and Claims Handling in Florida”, AIG, April 2006
- “Issues Affecting Claims Handling and Insurance Coverage in Florida”, AIG Health Care, October 2005
- “Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith in Florida”, AIG Excess Claims, October 2004
- “Construction Defect Legal Update”, AIG, April 2004
- “Florida Caselaw Update – Insurance Coverage, Spoilation and Florida Tort Reform”, Lexington Insurance, April 2004
- “Florida Worker’s Compensation, Medical Malpractice Amendments, and Tort Reform”, ACE USA, August 2003
- “Current Trends in Florida Coverage Law”, AIG, February 2002
- “Effective Coverage Litigation Strategies”, AIG, October 2001