

D. Terrance Hill

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Terrance Hill is a member of the Casualty Department, handling a broad range of matters including retail and premises liability, trucking and transportation, negligent security, and general casualty claims. He has experience representing clients in the retail and food and beverage industries, defending claims involving premises liability, spilled substances, falling merchandise, employee negligence, retail theft, product liability, food poisoning, and wrongful termination. His clients include national retail chains such as supermarkets, clothing stores, and pet store franchises, as well as manufacturers and distributors.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Terrance was a civil trial lawyer at an AV-rated insurance defense firm with a primary focus on the civil defense and prosecution of insurance fraud claims. Terrance also worked as a Broward County Assistant Public Defender where he defended clients faced with serious felony offenses. Terrance has tried numerous jury and non-jury trials.

Terrance graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He earned his *juris doctor* from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2008. During law school he was on the Dean's List and received the award for Best Trial Advocate.

As a member and former president of the TJ Reddick Bar Association, Terrance devotes much of his free time to community service activities. During his presidency, the TJ Reddick Bar Association was honored as the 2015 recipient of the Legal Aid Service Award. Terrance is a member of several professional organizations including the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, the Young Lawyers Division of the Broward County Bar Association, and the Florida State Bar Association. Terrance also sits on the Executive Board for the Ft. Lauderdale Community Development Corporation. Terrance is also a member of the National African American Insurance Association.

Practices

- Premises & Retail Liability
- Trucking & Transportation Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Product Liability
- General Liability

He is admitted to practice in the state of Florida.

Education

- Florida Coastal School of Law (J.D., 2008)
- University of Florida (B.S., 2005)

Admissions

- Florida, 2009

Honors & Awards

- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2019)
- Legal Aid Service Award, 2015

Associations & Memberships

- Broward County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 2010 - Present
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Florida State Bar Association
- Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Executive Board Member, December 2017- present
- National African American Insurance Association
- TJ Reddick Bar Association, President, June 2014 - June 2015
- TJ Reddick Bar Association Member, 2010 - Present

Significant Representative Matters

- Grant of Dismissal in a circuit court case involving allegations of negligent security of a national property management company.

Results

Summary Judgment Obtained on Behalf of Large National Retailer

We secured a summary judgment in a case in which the plaintiff slipped and fell on our client's premises. An employee had clocked out and was in the process of gathering his personal belongings from the front-end counter when he allegedly created a dangerous condition by dropping his "personal jug" of iced tea on the floor, which the plaintiff slipped on. We argued that the retailer was not vicariously liable for the acts of the employee, who was "off the clock" at the time. The court held that "off duty employment" is a question of law since there was no genuine dispute of material facts as to whether the employee was "acting within the scope of his employment" at the time the alleged dangerous condition was created. A trial was set for April 2024, and the plaintiff's last demand was \$650,000 before summary judgment was granted.

