

Alan C. Nash

Co-Chair, Premises & Retail Liability Practice

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Alan Carroll “A.C.” Nash is a senior civil defense attorney and business leader whose practice focuses on the defense of insureds, corporations, and public entities in complex, high-exposure litigation. He concentrates on negligent security, wrongful death, product liability, automobile and commercial transportation claims, liquor liability, construction liability and premises liability matters.

A.C. also maintains a substantial public-sector and municipal defense practice, representing municipalities and law enforcement agencies in state and federal civil rights litigation, including claims alleging false arrest, malicious prosecution, and excessive force. His experience in this space includes defending matters throughout Florida in both trial and appellate courts.

A.C. serves as the Casualty Supervisor of the Fort Lauderdale office of Marshall Dennehey, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the casualty department and leads a large team of attorneys handling complex and catastrophic-loss cases. In this role, he is responsible not only for legal strategy and quality control, but also for client relationships, attorney development, and overall practice performance.

Before joining Marshall Dennehey, A.C. was a trial associate at a Fort Lauderdale-based law enforcement and municipal defense firm with more than 30 years of history. Working closely with firm leadership, he played a key role in defending public entities and law enforcement officers in high-stakes civil rights litigation across Florida.

A.C. earned his *juris doctor* from Florida State University College of Law in 2007. While in law school, he served as a certified legal intern with the Second Judicial Circuit, trying approximately 40 jury and non-jury criminal cases. He was a member and coach of the Mock Trial Team, served as a student ambassador and traveling recruiter, sat on the Dean’s Cabinet, acted as the Fifth Circuit Governor for the American Bar Association, and received the Distinguished Pro Bono Award upon graduation.

Practices

- Premises & Retail Liability
- Public Entity & Civil Rights Litigation
- Product Liability
- Hospitality & Liquor Liability
- First-Party Property
- Construction Injury Litigation
- Automobile Liability
- General Liability

A South Florida native, A.C. earned his undergraduate degree in Public Relations from the University of Florida, graduating early. Prior to law school, he worked in public relations and marketing, including managing state and national accounts for a Miami-based firm and later executing advertising and marketing programs for two Fortune 100 companies. This background continues to inform his approach to client development and litigation strategy.

A.C. is deeply committed to mentorship and community involvement. He mentors students at the elementary, secondary, undergraduate, and law school levels and has served in leadership and advisory roles with multiple professional and civic organizations.

Education

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., 2007)
- University of Florida (B.S., 2003)

Admissions

- Florida, 2007
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2008
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2008
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2008
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, 2008

Honors & Awards

- AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®
- "Best Mentors Award" by the Daily Business Review (2022)
- The Florida Bar Leadership Academy, Fellow (2013 - 2014)
- Florida Legal Elite (2010, 2012)
- Florida Super Lawyer (2019-2026)
- Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star (2012-2018)
- Rated for Civil Litigation by Lead Counsel, a service of Thomson Reuters, 2015
- "Rising Star" by the Daily Business Review (2014)
- Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel (2017-2025)
- South Florida Legal Guide, Up & Comer (2018-2021)
- Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer (2025)

Associations & Memberships

- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance
- DRI - Diversity for Success Seminar and Expo, Expo Chair 2016 - 2018
- DRI - Diversity for Success Seminar and Expo, Marketing Chair, 2013 - 2015
- DRI - Diversity Committee, Chair to the Marketing Subcommittee
- DRI - Diversity Committee, Liaison to the Aviation Law Committee
- DRI - Retail and Hospitality Seminar, Committee Member 2016 - Present
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, Member
- Florida Association of Police Attorneys, 2010
- The Florida Bar - Student Education/Admissions to The Bar Committee

- Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Board Member, 2017 - 2019
- Florida Sheriffs Association, 2020 - present
- RIMS Broward County Chapter, Board of Directors, 2021
- Chair, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "H", 2018 – 2021
- T.J. Reddick Bar Association, Executive Board, 2012 - 2013

Classes & Seminars Taught

- *From Incident to Outcome*, 2026 Florida RIMS Educational Conference, July 30, 2026
- *AI: The Cat 5 Storm Affecting Your Claims and Employees*, Florida Broward County RIMS Chapter, April 15, 2026
- *Negligent Security Claims - Premises Under Attack*, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, July 25, 2025
- *Florida's New Civil Procedure and Rules*, Florida Tampa Bay RIMS Chapter, May 21, 2025
- *The Yellow Brick Road to Litigation Success – What Happens When Carriers and Defense Counsel Team Up?* CLM Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, April 10, 2025
- *Relevant Procedural Rule Changes for Risk Manager*, Broward County RIMS Chapter Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, January 15, 2025
- *DE&I – Your Ally in the War for Talent*, Florida RIMS Educational Conference, August 1, 2024
- *New Florida Tort Reform Changes Under HB 837*, Tampa Bay RIMS Chapter Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 18, 2023
- *Civil Rights for Uncivil Times*, International Association of Claims Professionals (IACP) 2023 Conference, June 22, 2023
- *Claims Inflation in Property & Casualty Litigation*, ILG 360° London Annual Conference 2023, March 15, 2023
- *Talkin' Bout My Generations*, RIMS - Broward County Chapter Meeting & Presentation, October 19th, 2022
- *Talkin' Bout My Generations*, 2022 Florida RIMS Educational Conference, Naples, FL, July 27th, 2022
- *Successful Strategies for Effective Mediation*, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, July 20, 2022
- *Roundtable Discussion: Civil Litigation and Nailing On-Campus Interviews*, FSU College of Law - Black Law Students Association, November 8, 2021
- *Litigation & Trial Considerations When Representing/Defending Law Enforcement*, NAPO's Annual 2021 Legal Seminar, West Palm Beach, FL, October 4, 2021
- *Anti-Social Practical Strategies Insurers Can Implement* – panel member, 2021 DRI-IADC Virtual Roundtable, September 2021
- *Civil Litigation State of Affairs – The Impact of COVID-19 in Florida & What's Next*, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, June 2021
- *Negligent Security: Foreseeable Crime - Believable Risk*, ILG Virtual Conference, March 22, 2021
- *56 Feds are Coming: Strategies Using the Upcoming Florida Summary Judgment Standard*, Marshall Dennehey Client Webinar, January 15, 2021
- *Negligence 101 - A Pennsylvania and Florida Legal Overview*, Marshall Dennehey Client Presentation, December 15, 2020
- *Negligent Tenants Expose Negligent Landlords*, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium – Casino Royale, Tampa, FL, September 20, 2018
- Moderator: *In-House Counsel Roundtable*, DRI Retail & Hospitality Conference,

Chicago, IL, May, 2018

- Panelist: Broward County Bar Association - Young Lawyer's Section Boot Camp, June 6, 2017
- Featured Speaker/Panelist: *Making The Career Decision That Is Best For You*, Atlantic Technical College 2017 College & Career Summit, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, January 26, 2017
- *Defending Negligent Security Claims*, RIMKUS' 9th Annual CLE/CE Seminar, October 21, 2016
- *Negligent Security Claims: If the Crime is Foreseeable, the Risk is Believable*, RIMS - Central Florida Chapter, November 19, 2015
- *Using Crime Grids in Negligent Security Claims*, Marshall Dennehey Florida Claims Symposium - *The Best Defense is a Good Offense*, Orlando, FL, September 17, 2014
- *Diversity for Success Seminar*, DRI, Moderator, 2013
- *Stand Your Ground Forum*, Nova Law School, Moderator, 2012
- Paralegal Program - Professor of Contracts, Legal Research/Writing and Constitutional Law, Brown Mackie College, 2009 - 2010

Published Works

- "Best Mentors: Alan Carroll 'A.C.' Nash Learns the Motivations of his Mentees Before Guiding Them," the *Daily Business Review*, May 9, 2022
- "Removing That Slip and Fall Case to Federal Court," *For The Defense*, February 2016
- "Negligent Tenants Leave Room for Exposed Landlords," *Daily Business Review*, Personal Injury Special Report, July 27, 2015
- "Let's Have A Look At The Footage," *Law Enforcement Technology*, March 2014, co-author
- "You Slip. You Fall. You Lose. Florida's Updated Transient Foreign Substance Statute," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 19, No. 4, December 2013

Pro Bono Activities

- Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Vice President, 2012
- Fort Lauderdale Community Development Corporation, Board Member, 2008 - Present

Significant Representative Matters

- Grant of judgment as a matter of law for the Sheriff's department and individual deputy in an excessive force federal trial involving the shooting death of a suspect.
- Defense verdict in a federal trial for the Sheriff's department and individual deputy in an excessive force case involving the use of a canine.
- Grant of dismissal in a federal case involving the alleged interference of a prisoner's rights to access the courts and to free speech.
- Grant of dismissal in a federal case wherein plaintiff alleged that a private corporation acted under color of law and violated his 8th Amendment Rights.

Media Commentary

- "Florida Reforms Alter Legal Landscape," *Business Insurance*, August 21, 2026

Thought Leadership

June 1, 2025

On the Pulse...The Blitz Is Coming: Pranks, Perception and the Risk of Draft Day

March 27, 2023

Florida Passes Tort Reform: What You Need to Know

May 9, 2022

Best Mentors: Alan 'A.C.' Nash Learns the Motivations of His Mentees Before Guiding Them