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Sean is a member of the Casualty Department. He has experience litigating a wide range of general liability matters representing insureds, self-insureds, and corporations in cases involving motor vehicle negligence, products liability, personal injury, premises liability and warranty defense. Sean also has experience representing clients in the food and beverage industry involving food allergies, foreign objects, foodborne illness and contamination cases.

Prior to joining the firm, Sean worked as an associate with a firm in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida where he defended manufacturers of boats, automobiles and recreational vehicles in warranty disputes, defended insurance companies and insureds in bodily injury and property claims as well as defended individuals in complex commercial litigation matters. He also practiced aviation law where he investigated aviation accidents and assisted clients and their families in lawsuits involving products liability and spoliation claims.

Sean completed his undergraduate studies at the University of West Florida and received his master's in business administration from Saint Leo University. Sean received his *juris doctor* from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Before attending law school, Sean worked for several years in the United States Army where he served as a helicopter pilot. He is admitted to practice in the state of Florida.

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., 2015)
- Saint Leo University (MBA, 2011)
- University of West Florida (B.S., 2005)

Admissions

Practices

- Product Liability
- General Liability
- Automobile Liability
- First-Party Property

- Florida, 2015
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2016
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2018

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023-2027)
- The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2024-2027)
- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2025)

Associations & Memberships

- Chester Bedell Inn of Court
- Lawyer Pilots Bar Association

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained dismissal through Summary Judgment on behalf of a funeral home in a matter involving a claim of mishandling of a decedent's remains and interfering with the rights to a decedent's remains and intentional infliction of emotional distress. We were able to show that the client's conduct in facilitating the burial of the decedent was not willful, wanton, intentional or malicious and that the conduct was not outrageous as a matter of law as required to maintain the claims asserted against the funeral home.
- Obtained summary judgment in a negligent procurement of insurance case brought by plaintiffs injured in a motor vehicle accident. Plaintiffs claimed their insurance agent/broker failed to obtain sufficient underinsured/uninsured motorist coverage under an umbrella/excess policy. We demonstrated that the defendants did not breach any applicable standard of care and that plaintiffs could not establish causation regarding the procurement of the policy in place on the date of the accident.
- Obtained summary judgment in a wrongful death and negligent security action involving the off premises murder of an employee. The plaintiff's decedent was abducted, stabbed, and strangled during her lunch break after leaving the workplace parking lot with a man who had been looking for one of her co workers. We demonstrated that the crime was not foreseeable and that the client owed no duty. The First District Court of Appeal affirmed the order granting summary judgment.

Results

Summary Judgment in Wrongful Death, Negligent Security Case Involving the Shooting of a 16-Year-Old

The plaintiff's decedent was shot and killed while allegedly on his way home from school. We were able to prove that the young man was a trespasser on the common area of the property where he was shot, even though his aunt was a tenant in the apartment complex. The decedent's family claimed he was on his way to see her. Our investigation revealed that he was connected to local gangs and that, at the time of his shooting, he was wearing a ski mask (in Florida) and carrying a hand gun.

