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Lawrence A. Farese was born on November 22, 1952, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, *cum laude*, in 1974, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He attended the University of Miami School of Law from which he graduated, *cum laude*, in 1977 and served on the Editorial Board of the University of Miami Law Review.

Following graduation from law school, Larry joined the firm of Cummings & Lockwood and continued to practice with that firm for 27 years. From 1980 to 2004, he chaired the firm's litigation practice in the Naples, Florida office, and from 1995 to 2004 he served as Managing Partner of the firm's Florida offices.

In January, 2005, Larry joined Robins Kaplan LLP as a partner. He currently heads the firm's Florida litigation practice and serves as Managing Partner of the firm's Naples office. During his career as a trial lawyer, Larry concentrated his practice on complex business litigation and trust and estate litigation. He is certified by the Florida Bar as a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer and Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer. Over the past 40 plus years, Larry has tried a wide variety of complex business and probate cases to verdict, including products liability, construction, business tort, employment, contract, partnership, will and trust contests, constructive trust, and breach of fiduciary duty cases.

In 2001, Larry became certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. Since that time, Larry has mediated and successfully settled a wide variety of civil cases, including personal injury, trust and estate, business and construction cases, some valued in excess of \$20 million. Effective January 1, 2019, Larry intends to concentrate his practice solely on mediation of cases pending in state and federal courts in Florida and elsewhere.

Larry is a Fellow of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member of its Board of Directors. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in Business Litigation and Bet the Company Litigation, and has been named a "Florida Super Lawyer" in Business Litigation by *Law and Politics* magazine each year since 2006. He was named by *Best Lawyers* as the "Fort Myers Area Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year" for 2010. In 2012, he was honored with The Donald E. Van Koughnet "Lion of the Law" Award for Professionalism presented by the Collier County Judiciary. He is the Past President of the Trial Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association, Past President of the Collier County Chapter of The American Inns of Court, and Past Chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Recognitions

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Florida Bar (1988 to present)

Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer, Florida Bar (1997 to present)

Certified Circuit Court Mediator, Florida Supreme Court (2001 to present)

Recipient of The Donald E. Van Koughnet "Lion of the Law" Award for Professionalism presented by the Collier County Judiciary (2012)

Named "Fort Myers Area Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year," *Best Lawyers* (2010)

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (2008 to present)

Selected as one of "The Lawdragon 3000 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America," by *Lawdragon* (2007)

Named a "Super Lawyer," by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2006 to present)

Rated AV[®] Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell[®]

Memberships

Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Florida Justice Association)

Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Trial Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association, Past President

The Michael R.N. McDonnell American Inn of Court formerly The Thomas Biggs American Inns of Court, Past President

Grievance Committee of the Twentieth Judicial Court, Past Chairman

Bar Admissions

Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (1977)
Inducted into the Society of the Wig and Robe (1977)
Editorial Board of the *University of Miami Law Review* (1975-1977)
Fairleigh Dickinson University, B.A., *cum laude* (1974)

Reported Appellate Decisions

Collier HMA Physician Mgmt., LLC v. Menichello, 223 So. 3d 334 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017) (Covenant not to compete litigation).

The Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. v. Step by Step Early Childhood Education and Therapy Center, Inc., 29 So. 3d 1221 (Fla. 2d DCA 2010). (Trust litigation).

TRG Night Hawk v. Registry Dev. Corp., 17 So. 3d 782 (Fla. 2d DCA 2009). (Negligent misrepresentation and Florida Deceptive and Unfair Practices Act claim).

Naples Community Hospital, Inc. v. Hussey, 918 So. 2d 323 (Fla. 2d DCA 2005). (Healthcare litigation).

Bell South Communications, Inc. v. W.R. Grace & Co., 77 F. 3d 603 (2d Cir. 1996). (Product liability litigation).

Banyan Corporation v. Schucklat Realty, Inc., 611 So. 2d 1281 (Fla. 2d DCA 1992). (Breach of contract litigation).

Buerki v. Lochner, 570 So. 2d 1061 (Fla. 2d DCA 1989). (Probate litigation).

W.P. Verhaegen v. Montigny, 553 So. 2d 756 (Fla. 2d DCA 1989). (Intellectual property litigation).

Shultz v. Sun Bank / Naples, N.A., 553 So. 2d 202 (Fla. 2d DCA 1989). (Securities litigation).

Sharondale Realty, Inc. v. Anglers Motel & Boat Docks, Inc., 545 So. 2d 917 (Fla. 2d DCA 1989). (Breach of contract litigation).

In Re Estate of Cleeves, 509 So. 2d 1256 (Fla. 2d DCA 1987). (Probate litigation).

Goldwater v. Alston & Bird, 664 F. Supp. 403 (S.D. Ill. 1986). (Securities litigation).

J.N. Ledbetter v. United States of America, 792 F. 2d 1015 (11th Cir. 1986). (Tax litigation).

Tellina Properties & Associates v. Naples-Nashville Partnership, 481 So. 2d 1223 (Fla. 2d DCA 1985). (Breach of contract litigation).

In Re Estate of McClenahan, 476 So. 2d 1289 (Fla. 2d DCA 1985). (Probate litigation).

The Glades, Inc. v. Colding, 422 So. 2d 349 (Fla. 2d DCA 1982). (Tax litigation).