



# William M. Mitchell

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# **RELATED SERVICES**

- Insurance
- Property Insurance

# **OFFICES**

• Tampa

Maritime

General Liability Coverage

# OVERVIEW

Bill is an experienced litigator with a proven track record of delivering excellent results for his clients. A cornerstone of his practice style is his focus on effective communication with his clients, opposing counsel, experts, and the Courts. Always conscious of the cost of litigation, Bill works with his clients to create a case-specific solution on his matters that balances remote and in-person appearances along with strategic expert retention to maximize cost-effective results. He has experience with a wide range of insurance defense related matters such as first-party property damage, windshield replacement, construction defect, premises liability, and general liability claims throughout all stages of litigation.

Miami

Bill previously lead the first party property division of the Tampa office of a large state-wide insurance defense firm. In this role, he and his team handled a large volume of both litigated claims as well as presuit investigations across the state of Florida involving both residential and commercial policies.



Prior to practicing law, Bill spent four years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force working in aircraft maintenance. While on active duty he deployed in excess of 700 days in support of the Global War on Terrorism. After active duty he continued his service in the Air Force Reserves where he worked as a full-time technician while completing law school.

# PRESENTATIONS

- Co-presenter, "Bad Faith-Does it Exist Anymore?", Windstorm Insurance Conference (WIND), January 2025
- "Water: Issues, Remediation & Exposure," PLRB Claims Conference and Insurance Services Expo, March 2023
- "Don't Get it Twisted! -How to Handle Claims Involving tornadoes and Microbursts (T3)," Windstorm Insurance Conference (WIND), January 2023
- "Another Day, Another Update: New Approaches to Common Defense Issues in Light of Recent Case Law and Statute Updates," Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2022
- "The Impact of the Reserve Component on our National Defense," Sons of the American Revolution, Saramana Chapter, October 2019
- "Development in Light of the Hyde Park Historic Overlay District," Café Con Tampa, 2015

# CREDENTIALS

#### Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

# Memberships

- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
- Federalist Society, Tampa Bay Lawyers Chapter

# **Community Involvement**

- Feather Sound Community Services District, President, 2025
- U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio Regional Service Academy Nomination Board, re-appointed every year since 2018
- U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis' Veteran Advisory Committee, Member, 2015-Present
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Florida Committee Member, 2013-Present
- 2019 Medal of Honor Convention Planning Committee, Event Chair, 2019



- Hillsborough County Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee, Commissioner Appointee, 2016-2018
- Hillsborough County Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award Selection Committee, Commissioner's Appointee, 2016-2018
- Air Force Association Reserve Council, Member, 2016-2018
- 13th Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court, Veteran Mentor, 2015-2024
- Moffit Cancer Center, Volunteer Patient Advocate, 2012-2018
- Hillsborough County Charter Review Board, Commissioner's Appointee, 2015

#### Education

- J.D., Stetson University College of Law
- B.A., University of Tampa
- A.A., Community College of the Air Force
- A.A., Northwest Florida State College

#### Honors

- Super Lawyers® Rising Star distinction in Insurance Coverage (2023-2025)
- National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution-Bronze Good Citizenship Award (2019)
- Greater Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce; Non-Commissioned Reserve Officer of the Year (2013, 2017)
- National Public Service Award; Nominee on behalf of the Air Force Reserve Command (2015)
- 927th Air Refueling Wing; Ground Crew Member of the Year (2015)