**Donald J. Ward III**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Personal**

Born November 17, 1985, in Norfolk, VA

Married to Abbey L. Ward

Children: Jack & Lilly

**Education**

**University of Notre Dame Law School,** Notre Dame, IN

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, 2011

*Student Bar Association*

Vice-President, 2010-2011

*Phi Alpha Delta*

President, 2009-2010

*Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic*

Mediator, 2009-2011

*Galilee (Group Alternative Live-in Legal Education)*

Coordinator, 2009-2010

*Research Assistant* to Prof. Vincent R. Johnson, Torts, 2009

*Dean’s List*

*Student Ambassador*

**University of Virginia,** Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts, History and Religious Studies, 2008

*Dean’s List*

*Study Abroad*

University College, University of Oxford, UK, 2007

**Admitted to Practice**

**Florida,** 2011

**District of Columbia,** 2012

**Virginia,** 2018

**United States District Court, Northern District of Florida,** 2011

**United States District Court, Middle District of Florida,** 2011

**United States District Court, Southern District of Florida,** 2012

**United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit,** 2016

**United States District Court, Western District of Virginia,** 2019

**Employment**

**Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A.,** West Palm Beach, FL

Executive Committee Member – Present

Shareholder, January 2020 – Present

Associate, September 2011 – December 2019

**Certifications**

**Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer (June 2024 – Present)**

**Awards and Recognition**

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

The Best Lawyers in America© (2021 – Present)

Listed in: Personal Injury Litigation

Product Liability litigation

Medical Malpractice Law

The Best Lawyers – *The Injury and Malpractice Issue*

Inaugural Edition (2021) – Present

*Palm Beach Illustrated* – Top Lawyers (2023 - 2024)

Florida Super Lawyers – Rising Star (2013 - Present)

National Trial Lawyers – Top 40 Under 40 (2014 - Present)

National Trial Lawyers – Top 25 Medical Malpractice (2022- Present)

Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2015 – Present)

America’s Top 100 High Stakes Litigators – South Florida (2018 – Present)

**Professional Membership**

**The Florida Bar**

Admitted on 9/26/2011

**The District of Columbia Bar**

Admitted on 9/7/2012

**The Virginia Bar**

Admitted on 6/5/2018

**Palm Beach County Justice Association**

Immediate Past President, 2023

President, 2022

President-Elect, 2021

Treasurer, 2020

Secretary, 2019

Executive Board of Directors, 2019 – 2023

Golf Committee Chair, 2018 – 2020; 2023

Seminar Committee Co-Chair, 2015 - 2016

Board of Directors, 2014 – Present

**Florida Justice Association**

Board of Directors, Young Lawyers Section, 2012-2014

EAGLE Member

**The National Trial Lawyers**

**Palm Beach County Bar Association**

**American Association for Justice**

**American Bar Association**

**Florida Supreme Court Historical Society**

**Order of St. Thomas More – Notre Dame Law School**

**The Rotunda Society – University of Virginia**

**Publications**

“Is the Irreversible TRULY Unforeseeable: The Law of Suicide Prevention,” Journal, Florida Justice Association, March 2014.

**Verdicts and Settlements**

Since Mr. Ward joined the firm, he has recovered in excess of $160 million dollars on behalf of his clients. Some of the cases include:

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$28,068,497 May 2019

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$8,900,000 April 2018

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$7,250,000 October 2018

Estate of Matthew Searcy vs. USA: Auto Wrongful Death Southern District of Florida

$7,200,000 December 2020

Thaddeus Agnew, et. al. vs. Keeler Roofing, LLC Alachua County

$7,020,863 – Jury verdict with 80% fault on Defendant - intersection

collision resulting in vision loss with pretrial offer of $300,000.

April 2023

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Polk County

$6,610,000 June 2024

Confidential Medical MalpracticePalm Beach County

$6,000,000 January 2019

Workplace Accident: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Polk County

$3,800,000 August 2022

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$2,950,000 January 2023

Confidential Auto Liability: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Palm Beach County

$2,300,000 July 2015

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$2,250,000 August 2024

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$2,220,000 May 2022

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Broward County

$2,040,000 October 2024

Confidential Premises Liability Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$1,695,000 October 2024

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$1,389,507 February 2024

Confidential Auto Liability Broward County

$1,300,000 August 2021

Estate of Joan Litz vs. Hien Van Nguyen: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$1,285,000 January 2021

Yawn vs. AIG Property Casualty Company: Motorcycle Crash Miami-Dade County

$1,270,000 August 2015

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$1,106,973.47 January 2025

Confidential Medical Malpractice Broward County

$1,099,998 February 2023

Confidential Premises Liability Broward County

$1,055,000 February 2024

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$1,025,000 September 2018

Confidential Trucking Liability Pasco County

$1,006,371.90 September 2023

Confidential Premises Liability Palm Beach County

$1,000,000 April 2022

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Martin County

$1,000,000 September 2022

Confidential Medical Malpractice Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$1,000,000 February 2023

Holmberg vs. E-Scapes Lawn Care, Inc., et. al.: Auto Liability Duval County $950,000 October 2015

Confidential Ophthalmological Malpractice Pinellas County

$950,000 July 2016

Collier vs. J.C. Penney: Premises Liability Palm Beach County

$824,200 – Jury verdict - slip/fall causing back injury with a pretrial offer

of $60,000.

May 2012

Confidential Auto Liability Duval County

$800,000 December 2012

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$800,000 February 2024

Confidential Medical Malpractice Orange County

$800,000 January 2025

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$775,000 February 2018

Kazen vs. Grisetti, et. al.: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$750,000 March 2018

Myers vs. Allstate Insurance, et. al.: Auto Liability Martin County

$750,000 July 2021

Confidential Trucking Liability Sarasota County

$750,000 October 2023

Confidential Trucking Liability Palm Beach County

$725,000 August 2022

Confidential Elder Neglect Palm Beach County

$700,000 January 2018

Confidential Auto Liability Broward County

$675,000 January 2016

Putnik vs. Kingstone, et. al.: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$667,000 February 2021

Professional Negligence vs. Insurance Agent Palm Beach County

$650,000 April 2015

Confidential Premises Liability Pinellas County

$650,000 January 2021

Confidential Auto Liability Martin County

$650,000 July 2024

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$650,000 August 2024

Confidential Products Liability Brevard County

$625,000 March 2017

Paiz vs. Deblois: Auto vs. Pedestrian Broward County

$612,000 – Jury verdict with 65% fault on Defendant - automobile vs.

pedestrian crash with a pretrial offer of $20,000.

April 2023

Depencier vs. Ventura: Auto Liability Hillsborough County

$600,000 October 2013

Confidential Medical Malpractice Osceola County

$600,000 February 2024

Estate of Enyelson Feliz vs. Pantoja Estrada, et. al. Miami-Dade County

$595,000 September 2021

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$587,500 February 2024

Confidential Liquor Liability vs. Gas Station Palm Beach County

$550,000 January 2016

Kenny vs. Pearson: Auto LiabilityPalm Beach County

$550,000 September 2017

Confidential Nursing Home Wrongful Death Palm Beach County

$500,000 November 2013

Confidential Medical Malpractice Pinellas County

$500,000 April 2016

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$500,000 May 2017

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$500,000 December 2022

Confidential Nursing Home Wrongful Death Lee County

$500,000 August 2023

Confidential Bus Transportation Liability Palm Beach County

$500,000 November 2023

Drew vs. Barenfeld: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Palm Beach County

$500,000 April 2024

McLennan vs. State Farm: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$484,784.53 – Jury verdict - automobile crash resulting in torn rotator

cuff/arthroscopic surgery with a pretrial offer of $50,000.

November 2014

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$450,000 May 2015

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$450,000 August 2017

Confidential Premises Liability Broward County

$420,353.89 March 2025

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$420,000 March 2018

Beaver vs. HIW KC Orlando, LLC: Premises Liability Orange County

$405,000 July 2013

Confidential Auto Liability St. Lucie County

$400,000 September 2016

Confidential Medical Malpractice Miami-Dade County

$400,000 November 2022

Weiner vs. Van Nguyen, et. al.: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$390,000 November 2020

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$350,000 March 2014

Confidential Premises Liability Martin County

$345,000 August 2013

Jewett vs. Smith: Negligent use of motorized scooter Palm Beach County

$330,000 June 2020

Confidential Chiropractic Malpractice Brevard County

$325,000 October 2014

Confidential Medical Malpractice Broward County

$310,000 April 2017

Confidential Premises Liability Palm Beach County

$301,250 November 2021

Confidential Auto Liability: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Palm Beach County

$300,000 February 2013

Confidential Medical Malpractice Brevard County

$300,000 February 2016

Leonard vs. Dezelich: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$300,000 January 2018

Confidential Premises Liability Palm Beach County

$300,000 March 2023

Scee vs. Marks/ UM Carrier: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$282,108.39 March 2012

Confidential Products Liability Western District of Virginia

$280,000 November 2019

Confidential Premises Liability Southern District of Florida

$260,000 July 2012

Confidential Medical Malpractice Palm Beach County

$260,000 November 2018

Hamilton vs. Sgroi: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$250,000 January 2013

Confidential Premises Liability Palm Beach County

$250,000 November 2013

Confidential Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$250,000 June 2014

Kozlowski vs. Balcaitis: Auto Liability Palm Beach County

$250,000 June 2015

Omidvar vs. Turk: Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Palm Beach County

$250,000 June 2016

Bertone vs. Gowder: Motorcycle Crash Palm Beach County

$250,000 January 2017

Confidential Prescription Mis-fill vs. Pharmacy Lee County

$250,000 June 2018

Confidential Products Liability Palm Beach County

$250,000 December 2023