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PROFESSIONAL

Managing Partner, Leighton Law, P.A., Miami & Orlando, Florida
Board certified trial lawyer with emphasis on complex and catastrophic civil litigation including personal injury and wrongful death, medical malpractice, nursing home liability, product liability, negligence, inadequate premises security/violent crime, toxic torts, motor vehicle, maritime and aviation disasters, Resort Torts, insurance, commercial torts and other complex civil litigation in all state and federal courts.

MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS and ACTIVITIES

Board Certified specialist in Civil Trial Law

Florida Board of Legal Specialization (certified 1996; re-certified 2001, 2006)

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating

The Best Lawyers in America, 2008, 2009, 2010

Florida SuperLawyers® 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 (peer selected by statewide panel)

– Voted as one of the Top 100 SuperLawyers in Florida

Top Lawyers in South Florida, *South Florida Legal Guide*

– 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

– For Medical Malpractice, Product Liability and Wrongful Death

Peer selected as one of the 250 top attorneys out of 23,000 practicing lawyers in South Florida

Florida Trend *Legal Elite*™ 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (Top 2% of Lawyers in Florida)

AVVO.com attorney rating 10/10 (“superb” - highest rating)

Business Leader Media “Mover & Shaker Award”, 2009



American Association for Justice (AAJ)(formerly The Association of Trial Lawyers of America - ATLA)
 Sustaining member
 Inadequate Security Litigation Group
 Co-Chairman (1996-present); Treasurer (1994-96)
 Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway and Premises Liability Section
 Chairman (1996-97); First Vice Chair (1995-96)
 Nursing Home Litigation Group
 Professional Negligence Section
 Communications, Computers and Law Office Technology Committee (Co-Chair 2001-05)
 AAJ Press Advisory Board Committee (Vice Chair, 2003-06)
 ATLA Exchange Advisory Committee (2003-06)
 Medical Negligence Information Exchange Group
 Birth Trauma Litigation Group
 Founding Co-Chairman, National Trial Advocacy Competition Committee (1992-95)
 Co-Chairman, Law Student Services Committee (1993-95)
 Permanent Endowment Committee (1994-95)
 Recipient, "Wiedmann-Wysocki Citation of Excellence" (1993)
 Editorial manuscript reviewer, *Trial* magazine
 Resort Tort Litigation Group (Charter Member)
 National College of Advocacy (Certified Advocate and Fellow)(Faculty member)
 Member, Board of Trustees (2000-2004; 2008-2011)
 Executive Committee and Secretary, Board of Trustees (2000-2003)
 The Academy of Trial Advocacy (Charter Member)
 A national invitation-only association of some of the nation's leading catastrophic injury trial lawyers
 Chairman (2007-); Vice Chairman (2006-07)
 National Crime Victim Bar Association (NCVBA), charter member
 Member, Board of Advisors
 Recipient, 2007 "Advocate of Justice" award
 American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
 Public Justice Foundation (formerly Trial Lawyers for Public Justice), member
 Melvin M. Belli Society (Fellow)(Marketing Chairman, 2008-)
 Member, Florida Tort Claims Study Commission, 1989
 (Commission established by Florida Legislature to study and revise Florida tort law)
 The Florida Bar (Trial Lawyers Section; CLE and Civil Procedure Rule Committees)
 Florida Justice Association (Formerly Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers) (EAGLE Sponsor)
 American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice Section,
 Vice Chair, Product, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee (1987-88)
 Cooperative Association of Medical Malpractice Attorneys (CAMA), charter member
 Dade County Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Directors, 1987-91)
 Dade County Bar Association
 Monroe County Bar Association
 Miami Beach Bar Association
 Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (A.P.I.L.) (U.K.) (overseas member)
 International Personal Injury Network (I.P.I.N.), charter member
 B'nai B'rith Bench and Bar

Cuban American Bar Association (C.A.B.A.)
Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL)
Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the South and Southwest
Who's Who in American Law
Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America
International Who's Who of Professionals
Co-Nominee, Trial Lawyer of the Year, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice (1995)

Guest Lecturer:

Association of Trial Lawyers of America	Arizona Trial Lawyers Association
Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers	Maryland Trial Lawyers Association
Kansas Trial Lawyers Association	Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association
National Business Institute	ATLA-NJ/New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association
Consumer Attorneys of California	Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys
National LawCamp	Hawaii Trial Lawyers Association
National College of Advocacy	South Dakota Bar Association
Georgia Association of Trial Lawyers	National Employment Lawyers Association
Nevada Trial Lawyers Association	National Crime Victim Bar Association
Texas Trial Lawyers Association	Melvin Belli Society
Florida Bar Association	Florida Defense Lawyers Association
National Center for Victims of Crime	Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office
Monroe County Bar Association	Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
Florida Facility Managers Association	Louisiana Association for Justice

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (*with honors*), The University of Florida, 1985
Editor and Board Member, *Florida Law Review*
University of Florida Trial Competition Team
Jurisprudence Instructor, University of Florida College of Law (1983-1984)
Who's Who Among American Law Students, 4th ed., 5th ed.
Recipient, American Jurisprudence Awards for Torts and Civil Procedure
Faculty, Teaching Fellows Program

Bachelor of Arts (*with honors*), The University of Florida, 1982
President, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary fraternity
Florida Blue Key leadership honorary
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
Student Senate Majority Leader
Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity (Life Member, Chapter Supervisor/Graduate Advisor)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Supreme Court of Florida
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
United States District Court
Southern District of Florida (General and Trial Bars)

Middle District of Florida
Northern District of Florida
State Courts *pro hac vice*:
Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia, New York, Indiana, North Carolina, Illinois, Arizona

SELECTED LECTURES, SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Lecturer, "Depositions and Discovery," The Florida Bar Basic Basics Seminar, Tampa and Miami, FL, May 2010.

Lecturer, "Alternative Dispute Resolution," The Florida Bar Basic Basics Seminar, Tampa and Miami, FL, May 2010

Lecturer, "Resort Torts: Vacation, Resort & Recreational Liability," Daily Business Review seminar series, Miami, FL, May 2010.

Lecturer, "DWD: Driving While Distracted - The New DUI," Jazzfest Seminar: Litigating Auto Collision cases, New Orleans, LA, April 2010.

Lecturer, "Resort Torts: Vacation, Resort & Recreational Liability," Orange County Bar Association seminar, Orlando, FL, April 2010.

Lecturer, "Jury Selection in Today's Economy," American Association for Justice Winter Convention, Maui, Hawaii, February 2010.

Lecturer, "Civil Remedies for Criminal Acts," National Crime Victim Bar Association Crime Victim Advocate Training Program, West Palm Beach, FL and Orlando, FL, December 2009.

Lecturer, "Sex, Drugs & Violence: Inadequate Premises Security Litigation," Louisiana Justice Association, *Winning With The Masters Seminar*, New Orleans, LA, December 2009.

Keynote speaker, "Sex, Drugs & Violence," Negligent Premises Security Litigation, Daily Business Review Roundtable seminar, Miami, FL, October 2009.

Lecturer, "Direct Examination: Storytelling at Trial," American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 2009.

Lecturer, Academy of Trial Advocacy, Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 2009.

Moderator and Chair, Litigating Inadequate Security Cases, American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 2009.

Lecturer, "Resort Torts," Melvin M. Belli Seminar, San Francisco, CA, July 2009.

Keynote speaker, "Building a Resort Tort Case," Resort Torts™ seminar, Miami Daily Business Review, Miami, FL, May 2009.

Course Chairman, Essentials of Trial College, National College of Advocacy, 2009.

Lecturer, "Presenting Tragic Violence at Trial: Closing Argument in Security and Violent Crime Cases," National Crime Victim Bar Association, 2008 National Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2008.

Lecturer, "Jury Selection and Today's Juror," Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Convention, Snowmass, CO, August 2008.

Lecturer, "Juror Perceptions and Responses to the Use of Technology and How to Deal With Them," American Association for Justice, Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, July 2008.

Lecturer, "Insurance Coverage: Getting Around Exclusions," American Association for Justice, Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, July 2008.

Lecturer, "Sex, Drugs & Violence; What You Need to Know about Violent Crime Cases and Negligent Premises Security Litigation," Florida Facilities Managers Association, Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, June 2008.

Lecturer, "Standing Up for a Fair Jury: Voir Dire in Security Cases," American Association for Justice, Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 2007.

Lecturer, "Picking Civil Juries for Crime Victims," National Crime Victim Bar Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, June 2007.

Lecturer, "Increasing Civility in Civil Litigation," 11th Annual Florida Liability Claims Conference/Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Orlando, FL, June 2007.

Keynote Speaker, "Resort Torts," Monroe County Bar Association Annual Seminar, Key West, FL, May 2007.

Lecturer, "Premises Liability," Basic Tort Litigation Seminar, The Florida Bar, Tampa and Miami, FL, May 2007.

Lecturer, "Inadequate Security Litigation," New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association, Boardwalk Seminar, Atlantic City, NJ, April 2007.

Keynote Speaker, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Victims' Rights Conference," State Attorney's Office - Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL April 2007.

Lecturer, "Deposition Techniques – Lay and Expert Witnesses," American Association for Justice, Winter Convention, Miami Beach, FL, February 2007.

Lecturer, "Using Computer Animation in Civil Cases," 59th Annual Melvin Belli Seminar, Seattle, WA, July 2006.

Lecturer, "Fundamentals of a Hospital Chart – What's There and What's Not," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, July 2006.

Lecturer, "Insurance Issues in Inadequate Premises Security Cases," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Seattle, WA, July 2006.

Lecturer, "Winning Through Discovery," Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Memphis, TN, June 2006.

Lecturer, "Creating the Silver Lining: Techniques for Opening Statement," New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association, Atlantic City, NJ, April 2006.

Lecturer, "Trying Cases in Trying Times: Jury Selection in Today's Environment," Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, Destin, FL, April 2006.

Moderator, Association of Trial Lawyers of America Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, February 2006.

Speaker, Civil Remedies for Criminal Acts, National Center for Victims of Crime Victim Advocate Training Program, Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 2006.

Lecturer, "Inadequate Premises Security," PESI Premises Liability seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 2005.

Lecturer, "Comparing "Fault" – Current Status of Efforts to Include Perpetrators on Verdict Forms...Restatement Approach; Legislation; Case Law; Comparison to Crashworthiness Doctrine," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, July 2005.

Course Chair and lecturer, *Litigating Nursing Home Cases* seminar, ATLA/National College of Advocacy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2005.

Program Chair, *Collateral Sources Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa, FL, January 2005.

Lecturer, "Opening Statement," Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Fall Trial Skills Seminar, Orlando, FL, November 2004.

Lecturer, "Jury Selection," National Crime Victim Bar Association *Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C., October 2004.

Lecturer, "Liability for Failure to Admit (EMTALA), Discharge and Transfer", *Holding the Hospital Accountable* seminar, ATLA/National College of Advocacy, Montreal, Canada, October 2004.

Lecturer, "Screening, Selecting and Investigating Inadequate Security Cases: What to Look For Before Taking A Case," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Boston, MA, July 2004.

Lecturer, 57th Annual Melvin Belli Seminar, Boston, MA, July 2004.

Lecturer, "Apportionment of Fault," *Premises Liability: Inadequate Security Cases*, ATLA/National College of Advocacy Teleseminar, May 2004.

Lecturer, "Jury Selection: Negligent Security," Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers *Everything You Wanted To Know About Jury Selection* seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2004.

Lecturer and Course Co-Chair, "Effective Settlement Techniques," *Litigating Nursing Home Cases*, ATLA/National College of Advocacy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 2004.

Co-Chair, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, Orlando, FL, February 2004.

Lecturer, "Opening Statements and Today's Special Considerations," Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Fall Convention, Orlando, FL, October, 2003

Lecturer, "Apportionment of Fault in Inadequate Security Cases," National Crime Victim Bar Association 2003 National Conference: *Rights, Recourse & Recovery: Civil Litigation for Victims of Crime*, Washington, DC, October 2003.

Lecturer, "Creating and Reinforcing the Trial Story: Presenting the Expert Witness," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 2003.

Speaker, "Linguistic Minorities", National Employment Lawyers Association, Annual Convention, Vail, CO, June 2003.

Co-Chairman, *Litigating Nursing Home Cases* seminar, National College of Advocacy, Austin, TX, March 2003.

Co-Chair and moderator, *Litigating Catastrophically Injured Infant Cases*, National College of Advocacy, Atlanta, GA, February 2003.

Co-Chair and moderator, *Weekend With The Stars* annual seminar, National College of Advocacy, New York, NY, Dec. 2002.

Lecturer, "Effective and Efficient Use of Internet Discovery," Advocacy Track, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, July 2002.

Lecturer, "How *Daubert* Can Help and Hurt Your Case," Annual Jazz Fest seminar, National College of Advocacy/Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Orleans, LA, May 2002.

Lecturer, "Handing the Jury a Package - The Art of a Closing Argument - Lecture and Demonstration," South Dakota Bar Association, Clearwater, FL, March 2002.

Lecturer and Teaching Faculty, *Essentials of Civil Litigation Trial College*, National College of Advocacy, Houston, TX, October 2001; Lecturer: "Opening Statement" and "Computers and Technology in the Courtroom".

Course Chair and Lecturer, "Screening Nursing Home Abuse Cases," *Litigating Nursing Home Cases*, National College of Advocacy/Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Phoenix, AZ, October 2001.

Lecturer, "The Boob Tube: Making Videotaped Evidence Interesting," *Advocacy Track – Trial Psychology and Persuasion*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, July 2001.

Lecturer, "Expert Testimony: How to Deal With *Daubert/Kumho* Challenges," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, July 2001.

Course Chair, *Litigating Nursing Home Cases*, National College of Advocacy/Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Houston, TX, April 2001.

Course Chair and Lecturer, "Finding, Selecting and Handling Expert Witnesses," *Premises Liability: Inadequate Security and Violent Crimes*, National College of Advocacy/Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Miami, FL, March 2001.

Course Chair, "Misdiagnosis, Mistreatment and Malpractice in the Nursing Home," *Failure to Diagnose and Treat Diseases*, National College of Advocacy, Waikiki, Hawaii, Feb. 2001.

Lecturer, "The Nursing Home Industry vs. Government and Advocates: Legislation, Litigation and Bankruptcy", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 2001.

Teaching Faculty and Lecturer, "Finding and Using Experts" and "Negotiation and Settlement Techniques," *Medical Trial Skills College*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America/National College of Advocacy, Miami, FL January 2001.

Teaching Faculty and Lecturer, *Essentials of Civil Litigation Trial College*, National College of Advocacy, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada, October 13-20, 2000.

Lecturer, "Backyard Hazards: Pools, Trampolines and Other Recreational Dangers," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 2000.

Keynote Speaker, "Recognizing and Evaluating Nursing Home Cases," Monroe County Bar Association luncheon meeting, Key West, FL, April 2000.

Lecturer, "Demonstration of an Opening Statement: Setting the Stage," *Litigating Nursing Home Cases*, National College of Advocacy, Las Vegas, NV, March 2000.

Program Chair, Cooperative Association of Medical Malpractice Attorneys, Winter Conference, Miami, Florida, January, 2000.

Lecturer, "Courtroom vs. Movie Set: Choreographing Your Case", *Rediscovering the Magic: Taking Back Control of the Courtroom*, Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, Baltimore, MD, December 1999.

Lecturer, "Apportionment of Fault: How To Deal with Placing The Perpetrator on the Verdict Form in Inadequate Security Cases", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 1999.

Lecturer, "Combatting Evidentiary Attacks on Expert Testimony: How to Deal With Daubert", *Doubleheader Seminar: Litigating Catastrophically Injured Infant Cases and Inadequate Security and Violent Crimes seminar*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 1999.

Lecturer, "Litigating Product Liability Cases," *Federal Civil Litigation in Florida seminar*, Lorman Education Services, Miami, FL, September 1998.

Course Chair and Lecturer, "Discovery and Rambo Litigation", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., July 1998.

Lecturer, "Investigating, Preparing and Litigating the Inadequate Security Case," *Kansas Trial Lawyers Association Premises Liability Seminar*, Overland Park, Kansas, June 1998.

Lecturer, "Overcoming Tort Reform," *How To Practice Law in the Age of Tort Reform: Getting Leaner, Smarter & Tougher*, Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Houston, TX, May 1998.

Lecturer, "Countering the Seat Belt Defense," *Jazzfest Seminar*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Orleans, LA, April 1998.

Lecturer, "ATLA Hornbook Series: Inadequate Premises Security", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, Maui, Hawaii, February 1998.

Course Chair, Moderator and Lecturer, Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway and Premises Liability Educational Program, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, July 1997.

Course Chair, Moderator and Lecturer, Inadequate Security Education Program, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, July 1997.

Course Chairman and lecturer, "Terror in the Sky: Security Aboard Airplanes and in Airports", *Mega Seminar: Premises Liability: Inadequate Security and Violent Crimes*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Las Vegas, NV, February 1997.

Course Chair and Moderator, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, Boca Raton, FL, January 1997.

Course Chair and Moderator, Inadequate Security Education Program, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, Boca Raton, FL, January 1997.

Lecturer, "Top 10 Things to Look (and Look Out) For in Evaluating Inadequate Security Cases," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Boston, MA, July 1996.

Lecturer, "Demonstrative Evidence in Settlement and Mediation," Motor Vehicle, Highway and Premises Liability Section, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Boston, MA, July 1996.

Course Chair, *Premises Liability: Inadequate Security & Violent Crimes*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Scottsdale, AZ, February 1996.

Moderator, "From Classroom to Courtroom", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, New York, NY, July 1995.

Lecturer, "Preparing, Litigating and Trying the Negligent Security Case", Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway, and Premises Liability Section, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, New York, NY, July 1995.

Lecturer and Moderator, "Drafting Pleadings and Discovery," *From Classroom To Courtroom: Trial Techniques for the New Lawyer*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Redondo Beach, CA, February 1995.

Lecturer, "Comparative Fault/Joint and Several Liability: Comparing the "Fault" of the Criminal Perpetrator with the Negligence of the Premises Owner", *Premises Liability: Inadequate Security & Violent Crimes*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Las Vegas, NV, October 1994.

Moderator and Chair, *Classroom to Courtroom*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 1994.

Lecturer and Moderator, "Drafting Pleadings and Discovery," *From Classroom To Courtroom: The New Lawyer's Start Up Kit*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Miami, FL, Feb. 1994.

Lecturer, "Depositions: Strategy and Demonstration," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, San Diego, CA, January 1994.

Lecturer, "Anticipating, Addressing and Defeating Defenses and Exclusions," *Premises Liability for Violent Crimes: Legal Issues and Practical Solutions*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Atlanta, GA, November 1993.

Lecturer, *Proving and Disputing Damages*, National Business Institute, Miami, FL, Sept. 1993.

Lecturer, "Preparing For Trial: The Last 10 Days," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, August 1993.

Lecturer, "Preparing, Developing, and Trying the Tough Negligent Security Case," *Annual New Orleans Jazzfest Seminar: Liability, Causation and Damages*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Orleans, LA, April 1993.

Lecturer, "Drafting Pleadings and Discovery," *From Classroom To Courtroom: The New Lawyer's Start Up Kit*, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Los Angeles, CA, February 1993.

Lecturer, "Cross Examination", Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., July 1992.

Lecturer, "Damages," National Business Institute, Miami, FL, February 1992.

Lecturer, "Real and Necessary Trial Preparation: Preparing for Trial Without Reinventing the Wheel," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Winter Convention, Boca Raton, FL, Jan. 1992.

Lecturer, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, July 1991.

Lecturer, "Jury Selection," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, *Recovering for Psychological Injuries: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Client*, San Francisco, CA, November 1990.

Lecturer, "Trial Advocacy," National Business Institute, Miami, FL, November 1990.

Lecturer, "Determining and Proving Damages," National Business Institute, Miami, FL, July 1990.

Lecturer, "Winning the Product Liability Case Through Discovery," Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, *Warm Weather Seminar*, Freeport, Bahamas, February 1990.

Lecturer, "Movies and Videotapes," Association of Trial Lawyers of America, *Demonstrative Evidence Seminar*, San Francisco, CA, May 1989.

Lecturer, "Offer/Demand for Judgment/Settlement - How, When, and Why," Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, *Winning Cases Without Trial*, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov. 1988.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

NBC "Today" show, national
"Inside Edition", national syndicated
Local 10 (ABC) - Miami
NBC6 (NBC) - Miami
WSVN (Fox) - Miami
CBS4 (CBS) - Miami
Univision
Telemundo

PUBLICATIONS

J. Leighton, "When There's Trouble in Paradise...What Are You Liable For?," *Hotels - the magazine of the worldwide hotel industry*, 3/10/2010

http://www.hotelsmag.com/article/452236-When_There_s_Trouble_in_Paradise_What_Are_You_Liable_For_.php

J. Leighton, *Litigating Premises Security Cases*, Vol. 1 and 2, (Thomson-West Publishing, 2006; supplemented 2008, 2010). [Two volume treatise on premises security litigation]

J. Leighton, "Expert Witnesses in Medical Malpractice Cases Do Not Need Further Regulation," *Daily Business Review*, June 29, 2006.

J. Leighton, "Apportionment of Fault in Inadequate Security Cases," *Victim Advocate*, Vol. 4 No. 2, Fall 2003, pp. 3-6.

J. Leighton, "Prepare For Trial, But Win At Settlement," *Trial*, Vol. 39 No. 6, June 2003, pp. 26-28.

J. Leighton, "A World of Words Comes To Court (Linguistic Minorities)," *Trial*, Vol. 38, No. 8, August 2002, pp. 20-27.

J. Leighton and M. Sylvester, "Apportionment of Fault in Inadequate Security Cases," *Trial*, Vol. 37 No. 13, December 2001, pp. 18-25.

J. Leighton, "Fighting New Defenses in Inadequate Security Cases," *Trial*, Vol. 35, No. 4, April 2000, pp. 20-25.

J. Leighton, "The Negligent Security Case: A Primer," *Association of Trial Lawyers of America Motor Vehicle, Highway and Premises Liability Section Quarterly*, Vol. 5 No. 1, Winter 1999/2000, pp. 1-8.

J. Leighton, "Are Children Caught in the Seat of Disaster? Child Restraint Systems and Product Liability Cases," *Trial*, Vol. 34, No. 3, March 1998, pp. 54-64.

J. Leighton, "Identifying and Evaluating Inadequate Premises Liability Cases", *Association of Trial Lawyers of America Motor Vehicle, Highway and Premises Liability Section Quarterly*, 1996.

J. Leighton and S. Laird, Chapter 11: Medical Experts: Coordination of Witnesses, *Litigating Spinal Cord Injuries: Law, Medicine, and Economics*, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995).

J. Leighton, "Preparing and Trying Inadequate Security Cases," *Trial Lawyers Quarterly*, Vol. 25 No. 24, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (Summer 1995).

Cited in *Persuasive Jury Communication: Case Studies From Successful Trials*, Chapter 10: "Persuasion in a Premises Security Case" (Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, 1995).

J. Leighton, "The Recall Process: Removing Defective Juvenile Products from the Market," *Product Liability Law Reporter* (Vol. 10, pp. 72-73, May 1991).

J. Leighton, "Make Sure New Toys Will Be Safe Toys," *South Florida Parenting*, December 1991.

Co-Author, "Market Share and Concerted Action Theories," *25 Tort & Ins. L.J.* 369-401 (1990).

J. Leighton, "Punitive Damages - Plaintiff's View," Vol. 2, Chapter 18, *Product Liability Practice Guide*, (Matthew Bender & Co., 1988).

I. Leesfield and J. Leighton, "Motorcycle Products Liability", *Trial*, November 1988, pp. 32-41.

Co-Author, *Product Liability: Commentary and Cases*, monthly column (Callaghan & Co.) 1985-87.

J. Leighton, "Market Share Liability: Too Much or Too Little", *Products Liability/Commentary & Cases*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1986.

J. Leighton, "Market Share Liability: The Need for a Uniform Market Share Liability Act," *Trial*, November 1985, pp.83-89.

Co-Author, "Why Police Officers Can't Recover For Injuries Due To Someone Else's Negligence", *Heat*, Police Benevolent Association, November, 1985.

J. Leighton, "Punitive Damages in Florida," *Final Report of the Florida Bar Commission on Tort Litigation*, 1984.

PAST LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Partner, Leesfield Leighton & Partners, P.A. (1985-2008)

Summer Associate, Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine, New York City (1984)

SIGNIFICANT REPORTED CASES

Buirley v. Aluma Systems, 494 So.2d 1156 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1986)

Johnston v. Halliday, 516 So.2d 84 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1987)

Amore v. G.D. Searle & Co., 748 F.Supp. 845 (S.D. Fla. 1990)

White v. Am-Sprad Metals, Inc., 583 So.2d 769 (Fla. 4th DCA 1991)

Rivas v. Freeman, 940 F.2d 1491 (11th Cir. 1991)

Publix Super Markets, Inc. v. Jeffery, 650 So.2d 122 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1995)

Floval Oil Corp. v. Munoz, 679 So.2d 286 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1996)

Barnes v. City of Coral Gables, 149 F.3d 1195 (11th Cir. 1998)

Doe v. HGI Realty, Inc., 254 Ga.App 181, 561 S.E.2d 450 (Ga. App. 2002)

Adventist Health System/Sunbelt v. Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury, 865 So.2d 561 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004, *en banc*), *rev. den.* 882 So.2d 384 (Fla. 2004)

Wiedenbeck v. Searle, 385 Ill. App. 3d 289, 299, 895 N.E.2d 1067, 324 Ill. Dec. 352 (2008)

School Board of Miami-Dade County v. Leyva, 975 So.2d 576 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Temple Beth Am, Miami, Florida, Board of Directors (2004-), Committee of 100 Cocoplum Civic Association (Vice President, 2001-2002)

Dade County Comprehensive Pro Bono Project, "Put Something Back" participant

Miami Council for International Visitors (Board of Directors, 2001-03)

National Crime Victim Bar Association Victim Advocate Training Program, 2006-

PERSONAL DATA

Born April 14, 1959, San Francisco, CA

Licensed race car driver