

John V. Tucker

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Law Practice

TUCKER & LUDIN, P.A., CLEARWATER, FL

Shareholder, January 2006 to present

Practice focused on handling employee group benefit claims and litigation regulated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), first party insurance claims and litigation, and federal, state and local government administrative benefit claims including Social Security Disability/SSI and Florida Retirement Disability claims. Principal concentration: disability and life insurance benefits; civil trials.

THE LAW OFFICES OF ANDERSON & TUCKER, ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Partner, February 1995 to December 2005

THE LAW OFFICES OF DONALD C. ANDERSON, ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Associate, September 1992 to February 1995

ELIAS & DAVIS, P.A., CLEARWATER, FL

Associate, October 1991 to September 1992

Admitted to practice before the following courts:

- Florida Supreme Court, 1991
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 1992
- U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida, 1991
- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Florida, 1999
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Florida, 1999

Teaching Post

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2001 to 2005

Teaching a 3 credit hour course titled "Employee Benefit Litigation Skills", Spring Term

Education

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF LAW, GAINESVILLE, FL

Juris Doctor, May 1991

- Managing Editor, *Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 1991

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, May 1988

- Florida Blue Key, active 1987-1991
- President, Delta Chi Fraternity, 1988

Lectures, Articles & Publications

- Invited Lecturer, **ERISA Update**, American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section meeting, ABA Annual Convention, August 2006.
- **"Buying Disability Insurance: 10 Tips From a Litigator,"** *Paraclete*, The Magazine of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, estimated publication, June 2006 and July/August 2006.

- **“Social Security Benefits: An Introduction to Disability Benefits,”** *Paraclete*, The Magazine of the St. Petersburg Bar Association, April 2006.
- **“ERISA Liens: The Ever-Changing Law and How to Deal with Them”**, *Collateral Sources Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa), January 2006.
- Co-Author **“Report of the Subcommittee on Benefit Claims and Individual Rights”**, 2006 Mid-Winter Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of Lab and Employment Law Employee Benefits Committee (Key Biscayne), January 2006.
- Author, Chapter 21 titled **“Standard of Review”**, Jayne Zanglein and Susan Stabile eds., *ERISA LITIGATION* 2nd Edition (BNA 2005).
- Author, Chapter titled **“Standard of Review”**, Jayne Zanglein and Susan Stabile eds., *ERISA LITIGATION* (BNA 2003).
- **“Everything You Need to Know About Collateral Sources,”** *Civil Litigation for Paralegals and Legal Assistants*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, June 2003.
- Program Chair, **“2003 Collateral Sources Seminar”**, and Lecturer/Presenter of **“ERISA Liens: The Health Plan’s Perspective & Does the Lien Have to Be Paid?”**, *Collateral Sources Seminar*, 2002 Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Tampa), January 2003.
- **“ERISA Liens: Avoiding the Hazards of Malpractice and Protecting Your Client”**, *Collateral Sources Seminar*, 2002 Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale), January 2002
- **“Ancillary Benefits: Short and Long Term Disability, State/Public Disability and Social Security Disability - What Affect on Workers’ Compensation?”**, *Workers’ Compensation Seminar*, 2001 Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Annual Convention, June 2001
- Contributing Author, **“Employee Benefits Law, 2000 Suppl.”**, BNA Books. 2000
- **“Avoiding Pitfalls and Malpractice by Learning the Effect of Washouts on Ancillary Benefits (Such as Long Term Disability),”** *Tenth Annual Education Conference*, Florida Workers’ Advocates, Inc., July 2000
- **“Handling Government and Health Insurance Liens”**, *Auto Negligence Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, July 2000
- **“Collateral Sources,”** *Civil Litigation for Paralegals and Legal Assistants Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, June 2000
- **“Collateral Sources,”** *Civil Litigation for Paralegals and Legal Assistants Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, June 1999
- **“ERISA 1999 - Handling Health and Disability Liens,”** *1999 Collateral Sources Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, (Tampa and Miami locations) January 1999
- **“ERISA Claims and Litigation,”** *1998 Fall Advanced Trial Skills Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, November 1998
- **“ERISA 1999 - Handling Health and Disability Liens,”** *Collateral Sources Seminar*, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, January 1999
- **“ERISA - An 11th Circuit Update,”** *AFTL Journal*, August 1998, No. 431, pp. 19-20.

- Program Chair, *Trial Notebook* Seminar, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, June 1998
- “ERISA - What You Need to Know and How it Affects Your Client’s Case,” 1998 *Collateral Sources* Seminar, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Tampa and Miami locations), March 1998

Legal Community Service

ST. PETERSBURG BAR ASSOCIATION

- President, June 2002 to June 2003
- President-Elect, June 2001 to June 2002
- Treasurer, June 1999 to June 2001
- Secretary, June 1998 to June 1999
- Executive Committee Member, June 1998 to Present
- Editor-in-Chief, *Paraclete* Magazine, June 1997 to June 1998 and 2005 to present
- Chair and member of numerous committees, 1993 to 2001

ST. PETERSBURG BAR FOUNDATION

- Treasurer, November 2003 to June 2006
- Member, Board of Directors, July 2003 to present
- “Senior Partner” Contributor, 2003

ACADEMY OF FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS

- Board of Directors, June 1998 to May 2002
- Chair, Young Lawyers Section, June 1999 to June 2000

FLORIDA BAR

- Committee Member, Federal Court Practice Committee, 2000 to 2006

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

- Co-Chair, Sub-Committee on Benefit claims and Individuals Rights, 2005-present
- Member, Employee Benefits/Employee Rights and Responsibilities Committees, since 1998
- Co-Chair, Employee Benefits/Employee Rights and Responsibilities Committees

Community Service

PINELLAS OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

- Board of Directors, 2000 to 2005
- Executive Board, 2003 to 2005

GIRLS INCORPORATED OF PINELLAS (formerly Girls Clubs), ST. PETERSBURG, FL

- Board of Directors, 1998 to 2003

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- Worship and Music Commission, 2000 to 2001

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL, NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT (Civic Organization benefitting youth)

- Lieutenant Governor, 1997-1998
- HIGH NOON OPTIMIST CLUB, ST. PETERSBURG, FL: President, 1996-1997
- LAKEVIEW OPTIMIST CLUB, ST. PETERSBURG, FL: Founder/Charter Member, 1997 to present
- Life Member

Awards & Honors

- **5 Year Board Service Award**, Pinellas Opportunity Council, November 2005
- **“Boss of the Year” Award**, 2002-2003, St. Petersburg Association of Legal Support Specialists
- **“40 Under 40”** honoree, *Tampa Bay Review*, December 2002
- **Respect for Law Award**, presented by the Northeast Optimist Club, 1998
- **Optimist of the Year**, presented by the High Noon Optimist Club, 1997
- **Builder of Excellence Award** presented by Optimist International, 1997
- **Who’s Who in American Law**, 10th and 11th Editions
- **Honored Member, Strathmore’s Who’s Who**, 1998, 2000, 2001-2002 Eds.