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Michael H. Galex is a defense attorney with twenty-five years of experience practicing law. For the last twenty years, he has been handling criminal and civil cases throughout south Florida. Michael was a partner at his previous firm for thirteen years and brings with him extensive background in first-party property and third-party insurance coverage and liability matters.

Throughout his career, Michael has achieved many favorable outcomes and opinions for his clients. He handles both criminal and civil cases and appeals across the state of Florida, including property, products liability, commercial general liability, commercial litigation, and more. Michael has been acknowledged by his peers, having earned an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell®.

Michael also has experience relating to matters of arts and antiques, such as disputes arising from appraisals and titles. In his article *My View: Getting What You Bargain For: A Buyer's Guide to Purchasing Art*, he points out some of the important legal considerations in an art transaction.

Prior to joining private practice, Michael worked as an Assistant State Attorney with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office. In this role he served as prosecution for criminal cases ranging from minor traffic violations to serious felony offenses requiring life imprisonment.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor in 1995 from Chicago-Kent College of Law after completing undergraduate studies from the University of Wisconsin.

Primary Practice Areas

- Admiralty and Maritime
- Appeals & Appellate Work
- Cargo & Specie
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Latin American Market
- Motor Carrier
- Products
- Property

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law/
Illinois Institute of Technology,
J.D., 1995
- University of Wisconsin, B.S.,
1991

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the
11th Circuit
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts for the:
 - Northern District of Florida
 - Middle District of Florida
 - Southern District of Florida



Representative Matters

Duarte v. Ortiz, 271 So. 3d 104 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2019)

Wilson-Greene v. Miami, 208 So. 3d 1271 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2017)

State Farm Fla. Ins. Co. v. Hernandez, 172 So. 3d 473 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2015)

Bruce v. Sentinel Property Mgt., LLC, 53 So. 3d 1230 (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App. 2011), rev. dism., 65 So. 3d 515 (Fla. 2011)

S.S. v. Florida Dept. of Child & Fam. Servs., 976 So. 2d 31 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2008)

Collazo v. Hinkley, 837 So. 2d 984 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2003)

Cash v. Airport Mini-Storage, 814 So. 2d 1049 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2002)

Cash v. Airport Mini-Storage, 782 So. 2d 983 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2001)

Residential Prop. & Cas. Joint Underwriting Ass'n v. Boyce, 779 So. 2d 667 (Fla. 3d Dist. Ct. App. 2001)

Presentations and Publications

“Developments in Unfair Methods of Competition and Unfair/Deceptive Acts and Practices” Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2019)

“Your Money AND Your Life – Avoiding bad faith with above-policy-limit demands” Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2019)

Recent Developments in Florida Law – Negligence, Intentional Acts, Evidence and Jury Instructions, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2016)

Through the Looking Glass: Spoliation of Evidence and How Alice Came to Litigation, F.C.C.I., Sarasota, Fl. (November 1, 2016)

My View: Getting What You Bargain For: A Buyer's Guide to Purchasing Art, Miami Herald (2015)

Reverse Bad Faith Claims, Twitter Chat (August 5, 2015)

Ethical Claims Negotiations, Walmart, Bentonville, Ar. (May 13, 2015)

Insurance Industry Regulation and Ethics, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2014-15)

Public Adjuster Liens in First-Party Insurance Litigation, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2014-15)

Advertising Regulation in the Insurance Industry, Belfor Property Restoration Seminar/Heritage Insurance Company (September 2014)

Insurance Fraud in Liability and Workers Compensation Cases, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2013-14)

Public Adjuster Liens, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2013)

Insurance Fraud Prosecutions: Ethical Implications & Mechanics, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2012)

Bad Faith & Property Claims, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2011)

Tips for Handling Property Claims, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2009)

Affirmative Defenses, Walton Lantaff et al. Liability Seminar (2007)

Memberships

- Volunteer Attorney, Cannonball Miami Legallink Program, since 2013
- Criminal Conflict Counsel, 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami, Fl., since 1999
- State-Certified Lecturer for C.E.U. credits to Insurance Industry Affiliates, since 2005
- Past Member, Legal Committee, W.I.N.D., 2011-13
- Past Member, Florida Bar Quality of Life and Career Committee, 2000-01