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FIRM RESUME

The West Palm Beach office of Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad focuses on complex construction, environmental litigation, professional product and auto liability, including general civil litigation and subrogation/recovery cases in all Florida, State and Federal Courts. Based upon our collective experience representing many preeminent insurance carriers, we have developed an extensive system for effective litigation cost control and early evaluation of potential exposure. We are committed to providing our clients with the highest quality legal services with an emphasis on personal attention and professionalism. Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad aggressively pursues our client's goals with sensitivity to the economic realities that govern today's legal environment.

RESIDENT ATTORNEYS AND STAFF

Jon Derrevere (Managing Partner) is a 1978 graduate from the University of Florida with Highest Honors and graduated from Cornell University Law School in 1981. Mr. Derrevere has practiced as a civil trial lawyer in all State and Federal Courts in Florida for over thirty years and has tried over two hundred eighty cases to jury verdict. Mr. Derrevere specializes in complex litigation with an emphasis on professional liability, construction, environmental, commercial/subrogation and retailer/liability matters.

Winslow "Skip" Hawkes (Partner) received his B.S. in Civil Engineering, Magna cum Laude, from Tufts University in 1970 and a Masters from Tufts University in 1971. While a research assistant in geotechnical engineering, Mr. Hawkes received a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from MIT in 1975. Mr. Hawkes has been a registered professional engineer in Florida since 1977. Mr. Hawkes received his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Florida in 1979. Mr. Hawkes has extensive experience in representing architects, engineers, contractors, and developers for over thirty years.

Bryan W. Black (Partner) is a 1997 graduate from Western Carolina University and a 2002 graduate of Nova Southeastern University. Mr. Black is admitted to the Middle and Southern Federal District Courts and the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Black is a member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Mr. Black has experience in civil and commercial litigation and appellate work. Mr. Black specializes in complex construction and civil litigation including insurance defense cases in all Florida Courts both State and Federal.

Bart Cozad (Partner) graduated from Loyola University (New Orleans) in 1984 and Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Lansing, Michigan) in 1987. Mr. Cozad is admitted to all State and Federal Courts in South Florida and has tried over thirty cases to jury verdict. Mr. Cozad's practice area includes insurance defense, auto negligence, premises liability, toxic tort, products liability, construction litigation, insurance agent/broker errors and omissions, subrogation, libel/slander, bad faith litigation and wrongful death.

Shirley Jean McEachern received her Bachelor of Arts degree from DePauw University, graduating in the top ten percent of her class. Ms. McEachern graduated from Indiana School of Law at Indianapolis. Ms. McEachern is admitted to practice in Indiana (now retaining inactive status) and is admitted to the Florida Bar. Her legal career has expanded over three decades, at both the trial and appellate level of the State and Federal Courts of Florida. Ms. McEachern is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, in Atlanta Georgia. Ms. McEachern is senior appellate counsel for Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad.

Michael B. Stevens is a 2005 graduate of Florida State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Mr. Stevens received his Juris Doctorate in 2008 from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 2008. Mr. Stevens is also admitted in both the Middle and Southern Federal District Courts of Florida, and specializes in complex business transactions, construction defects, insurance subrogation, products liability, and banking/foreclosure matters. In addition to practicing in Florida, Mr. Stevens is also admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

Peri Rose Huston-Miller graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2003 receiving her B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology. Following several years in the legal field, Ms. Huston-Miller earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center in 2009. During law school, Ms. Huston-Miller served as an Editor on Nova Law Review, advanced in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, was an active member of ATLA (American Trial Lawyers Association), and held several student leadership positions while excelling academically. Ms. Huston-Miller is currently a member of several professional organizations and practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation, construction defects and insurance claims.

Stephen L. Barker graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1986 and from The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. in 1993. Upon graduation, Mr. Barker clerked for the state trial court in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 2000, he began his practice in the field of property subrogation for a large Philadelphia law firm. In that role, he prosecuted subrogation claims in 25 jurisdictions from Maine to Florida in state and federal courts. In 2008, Mr. Barker relocated to Florida. He is admitted in all State and Federal Courts in Florida and continues to concentrate his practice on subrogation matters throughout the state.

Adisada Dudic is a 2007 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, with a Minor in Spanish Language. While at VCU, Ms. Dudic was awarded the Outstanding Scholar in Political Science

Award in 2006 and Dean's Academic Achievement Award in 2007. She also served as a Legislative Intern at the Virginia General Assembly during the 2007 legislative session. In 2011, Ms. Dudic received her Juris Doctorate degree with a Concentration in Business Law and Regulation as well as her Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Cornell University Law School. During her time at Cornell Law School, Ms. Dudic also studied International Commercial Arbitration and Comparative Corporate Law and Governance at the Institute of International and Comparative Law at Université de Paris I, Pantheon Sorbonne, in Paris, France. Ms. Dudic served as an Editor of the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*, President of Cornell Women's Law Coalition, and Clinical Liaison to Avon Global Center for Women and Justice. She interned at the Cornell Law School Securities Law Clinic, participated in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon, and advanced in the Langfan Moot Court Competition. Ms. Dudic is a 2011 recipient of the Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights. She joined Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad in August 2011.

Theodore "Teddy" Stevens is a graduate of Florida State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Education, cum laude. Mr. Stevens received his Juris Doctorate Degree, cum laude, from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2011 and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 2011. While attending law school, Mr. Stevens clerked at the United States Attorney's Office Middle District in Jacksonville where he assisted with numerous prosecutions. Mr. Stevens practices in all areas of civil litigation, including, but not limited to, subrogation recovery, insurance defense, foreclosures, construction defect, products liability, contract disputes, and landlord/tenant disputes.

In addition to the outstanding roster of attorneys at Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad, our highly motivated paralegal staff is experienced in exacting requirements of civil trial practice. Each paralegal has been recruited based upon their experience and trained to respond to the dedication to our mission that representation of professional national retailers, banks and pre-eminent insurance carriers require from them.

GEOGRAPHIC BASE

Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad represents clients throughout the State of Florida in State and Federal Courts at all trial and appellate levels. Additionally, Michael Stevens is admitted in the District of Columbia and the firm has pro hac vice privileges in various states.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Insurance company clients include: CNA Insurance Companies, Lloyds Underwriters through Beazley and through Hiscox, Houston Casualty Insurance Company, RLI Insurance (Mt. Hawley Insurance Company), Evanston Insurance Companies, Markel Underwriters, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Zurich North America Insurance Company, Universal Underwriters Group, Allstate Insurance Company, Lexington Insurance Company, Kemper Insurance Company, Ace

American Insurance Companies, Commonwealth Insurance Company, Washington International Insurance Company, Riverstone Insurance Company, Hartford Insurance Company and General Adjustment Bureau/Robbins Claims Administrators, James River Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual, Empire Fire and Marine, GeoVera Insurance Company, Amica, Western National Mutual, Gulf Insurance Group, Castle Key Insurance Company, Steadfast Insurance Company, Canal Insurance, Liberty International Underwriters, GEICO Insurance Company and Florida Intracoastal Underwriters.

Corporate clients include: Sedgwick CMS, The Target Corporation, Walgreen Co., Lost Tree Golf Club, Loxahatchee Golf Club, and the Country Club of Florida, AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., WCI Communities, Nichols, Brosch, Wurst, Wolfe & Associates, Inc. (Architect), Douglas Root Architects, Charlan Brock & Associates (Architect), Mouriz Salazar and Associates (Architect), Leiboff Construction, Annunziata Building Corp., Triple M. Roofing, State Pride Roofing, Office Furniture & Design Center, Aquadynamics Design Group Inc., Keller Williams Realty, Architectural Communications Group, Inc., Kamm Consulting Engineering, Coastal Windows & Doors, Bureau Veritas, Nodalco Company (Engineering), The Raul Puig Group, Arcadis, Lawson, Noble & Webb, Inc. (Engineering), Kondaur Capital Corporation and others.