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FIRM RESUME

The West Palm Beach office of Derrevere, Hawkes, Black & Cozad specializes in civil litigation including subrogation/recovery cases in all Florida Courts, both State and Federal. Based upon our collective experience representing preeminent insurance carriers and a national retailer, 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. With regard to our on-going relationship with Sedgwick CMS and Walgreen Co., we have handled approximately 100 cases including falls, prescription "mis-fills" and typical retailer claims.

RESIDENT ATTORNEYS AND STAFF

Jon Derrevere (Senior 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 South Florida for nearly thirty years and has tried over seventy five cases to jury verdict. Mr. Derrevere specializes in construction, environmental, professional liability and retailer litigation.

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 thirty years.

Bryan W. Black (Partner) is a 1997 graduate from Western Carolina University and 2002 graduate of Nova Southeastern University. Mr. Black is admitted to the Middle and Southern 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 civil litigation including insurance defense cases and retailer liability 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 (30) 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 in 1974, graduating in the top ten percent of her class. She graduated in 1979 from Indiana School of Law at Indianapolis. Ms. McEachern was admitted to practice in Indiana in 1979 and was

admitted to the Florida Bar in 1981. Her legal career has expanded over two 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. Her most recent committee memberships include the Committee for Special Needs of Children and the Construction Law CLE Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar. Ms. McEachern acts as senior appellate counsel for Derrevere, Hawkes & Black.

Jeffrey R. Burnside is a 1998 graduate from Florida State University and a 2005 graduate of Nova Southeastern University. Mr. Burnside is admitted to all Courts in the State of Florida. Mr. Burnside is also admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia. Prior to joining Derrevere, Hawkes & Black, Mr. Burnside worked for two years in the commercial banking industry and spent two years as a commercial construction project manager.

Charles "Chuck" Straub received his B.A., in Political Science, Cum Laude, from Ohio University in 1989. Mr. Straub received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, in 2005. He was Chief Advocate of Nova Southeastern University Moot Court Honor Society in 2004-2005. Prior to entering law school he worked in the securities industry as a Series 7 registered representative. Mr. Straub is admitted to all courts in the State of Florida and the Southern District Court.

Michael B. Stevens is a 2005 graduate of Florida State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He received his Juris Doctorate in 2008 from Nova Southeastern's Shepard Broad Law Center in Fort Lauderdale and was admitted to practice law in the State of Florida in 2008. Mr. Stevens is also licensed to practice in both the Middle and Southern District Federal Courts of Florida. In addition to specializing in Construction Defects, Insurance Subrogation, Products Liability, and Lien Foreclosures, Michael currently serves as the Chair of the South Florida Emerging Green Builders' Legislative Committee.

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. Peri Rose is currently a member of several professional organizations and practices in the area of complex commercial litigation specializing in construction defect and insurance claims.

Our highly motivated paralegal staff is experienced in the complex requirements of civil trial practice. Each paralegal has been carefully selected based upon their experience and the significant requirements that representation of professionals places upon 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, the firm has pro hac vice privileges in various states on recovery matters.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Insurance company clients include: CNA Insurance Companies, DPIC, Lloyds Underwriters

through Beazley and through Hiscox, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Zurich North American Insurance Company, Universal Underwriters Group, Allstate Insurance Company, Lexington Insurance Company, Kemper Insurance Company, The St. Paul 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, Western National Mutual and Gulf Insurance Group.

Corporate clients include: Sedgwick CMS, Walgreen Co., AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., WCI Communities, Food Lion, Inc., Douglas Root Architects, Charlan Brock & Associates (Architect), Mouriz Salazar and Associates (Architect), After Five Services, 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, Professional Engineering and Inspection Company, Inc. (PEICO), Nodalco Company (Engineering), The Raul Puig Group, Arcadis Lawson, Noble & Webb, Inc. (Engineering), GEICO General Insurance Company and Florida Intracoastal Underwriters