



Lawrence P. Ingram

partner

Larry serves as the partner-in-charge of Porter Wright's Tampa office. He concentrates his trial practice in professional business disputes involving trade secrets and restrictive covenants, professional liability defense, third-party insurance coverage, qui tam and health care fraud.

Larry has extensive experience in litigation and resulting trials arising from professional business disputes involving restrictive covenant/trade secret cases. Larry is one of the few attorneys in Florida who has tried restrictive covenant cases to a jury. In one case, he and his team were able to recover damages, exemplary damages and attorneys' fees from the breaching parties.

In the area of professional liability, Larry's practice focuses on the litigation and trial defense of professional malpractice claims against insurance agents and attorneys. He has defended in excess of 350 professional liability claims during his career. He is recognized as the preferred defense counsel by a number of insurers, law firms, insurance agencies and the Florida Association of Insurance Agents (FAIA).

In the area of insurance coverage, Larry provides counseling and trial representation to insurers and insureds in third-party insurance coverage disputes. In this regard, he has successfully litigated numerous declaratory judgment actions in state and federal courts. In the area of health care fraud, Larry has handled the defense of high-profile False Claims Act qui tam actions in which he has obtained summary judgments for his clients.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Forced plaintiffs to take a voluntary dismissal in a high-profile and aggressively-litigated legal malpractice action
- Obtained a summary judgment in a high-profile qui tam health care fraud action
- Obtained a federal court summary judgment in a high-dollar third-party insurance coverage action
- Obtained a summary judgment for a Florida insurance agency in an alleged negligent procurement case

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EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, 1990

University of South Florida, B.A.,
cum laude, 1987

SERVICES

Litigation

- Arbitration and mediation
- Insurance intermediary representation

Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

- Obtained a summary judgment in a legal malpractice action
- Obtained a defense jury verdict in a high-profile, multi-million dollar legal malpractice trial, which verdict was affirmed on appeal. This case also resulted in a six-figure fees and costs award against the plaintiffs, which fees and costs award was collected
- Recently obtained a dismissal with prejudice in a multi-million dollar legal malpractice suit
- Negotiated numerous favorable settlements in claims against professionals
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice in a high-profile qui tam action against a national insurance agency
- Obtained summary judgment in two qui tam health care fraud actions against a public company
- Prevailed in a three-week trade secrets jury trial resulting in a seven-figure recovery for a national insurance agency
- Prevailed in numerous motions for temporary injunction
- Negotiated resolutions to complex trade secret and restrictive covenant disputes
- Counseled and handled numerous insurer/agent and insurer/insurer business disputes

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- Supreme Court of the United States

PRESENTATIONS

- “Insurance Litigation Seminar,” Porter Wright, Oct. 18, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- “The opioid crisis and the products-completed insurance exclusion,” *Thomson Reuters’ Westlaw Journal Insurance Coverage*, April 6, 2017

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Florida Association of Insurance Agents
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section
- The Florida Bar, Grievance Committee, Past Chairman
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program

HONORS | AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Florida Super Lawyers
- Tampa Bay Business & Wealth, Apogee Award - Managing Partner, 2024
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent
- Stetson University College of Law Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award

COMMUNITY

- Tampa Bay Partnership CEO Direct Program
- Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers, former member

- Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers; Stetson Spring and Fall Moot Court, 2001-2010