

TODD R. FALZONE, ESQ.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Kelley Uustal, PLC – April 2008 – Present

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Partner and trial attorney at law firm handling catastrophic injury and death. Successful litigation and trial of cases involving products liability (including pharmaceutical, tobacco, and automotive cases), wrongful death, medical negligence, accidents of all types, contract disputes and insurance litigation.

Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. – June 2005 – April 2008

West Palm Beach, Florida

Trial attorney at nationally recognized trial law firm dedicated to representing victims in catastrophic injury and death cases. Handling wide range of cases including wrongful death, products liability, accidents of all kinds, and medical malpractice.

Poltorack, Shafran, Falzone & Shein, LLC - September 2004 – June 2005

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Founding partner and lead trial attorney at full service trial firm, specializing in Plaintiffs' Personal Injury and Wrongful Death. Set up, organized and staffed law office employing six attorneys and several support professionals. Supervised and directed attorneys handling non-personal injury cases, including but not limited to: criminal defense, immigration, commercial litigation, complex litigation matters, and trusts & estates. Created and implemented firm policies and procedures.

Ferraro & Associates. P.A. - February 2003 - September 2004

Miami, Florida

Trial attorney at high profile Plaintiffs' firm handling claims regarding asbestos, medical malpractice, personal injury, and wrongful death. Hired specifically to conduct firm's trials and supervise other staff attorneys in the preparation of numerous cases. Obtained \$1.2 Million verdict in first and only trial with firm. Responsible for creating, implementing and overseeing firm policies and procedures.

Sheldon J. Schlesinger. P.A. - July 1993 - January 2003

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Trial Lawyer at nationally recognized, 'Inner Circle', Plaintiffs' firm. First chair for more than 30 jury trials, second chair for approximately 30-35 jury trials, in both State and Federal Courts nationwide. Achieved numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements. Handled cases individually and with others which generated in excess of \$70 Million in recoveries and more than \$15 Million in fees. Responsible for a full case load of large, complex cases including: wrongful death, personal injury, product liability, medical malpractice, premises liability, discrimination, police brutality, maritime accidents, nursing home negligence, and general negligence cases. Responsible for all aspects of files from beginning to end. Researched, briefed and argued appeals before the Second, Third and Fourth Appellate Districts in Florida. Hired, supervised and directed large support staff.

Southern Career Institute - 1993

Boca Raton, Florida

Author/Legal Writer at national paralegal instruction school. Researched and wrote multiple text books and lesson plans covering all areas of the law and litigation.

Neil, Dymott, Perkins, Brown & Frank -1992-1993

San Diego, California

Law clerk at large medical malpractice defense firm. Extensive research, writing, case preparation and client contact. Responsibilities included: drafting pleadings, motions, and correspondence; interviewing clients, lay and expert witnesses; preparation of discovery; reviewing and organizing case files; trial preparation including trial notebooks, exhibits, and witnesses; and assistance at trials.

EDUCATION

California Western School of Law - Juris Doctor Cum Laude, 1992

San Diego, California Class Rank -- 10/272 (Top 3%) -- GPA- 86.5/95

Honors & Awards

- Dean's List every semester.
- Staff Writer for California Western Law Review.
- "American Jurisprudence Awards" in Legal Skills I, Legal Skills II, and Trial Practice.
- "Scriba Regis Award" for excellence in writing, analysis and outstanding contribution to legal scholarship.
- "Academic Achievement Award" in Employment Discrimination Law.

Publication

"Ineffective Assistance of Counsel: A Plea Bargain Lost" 28 Calif. W. L. Rev. 431 (1992).

Florida Atlantic University – Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1990

Boca Raton, Florida

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Best Lawyers in America
Florida Super Lawyers
AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubble
Florida Justice Association
Broward County Justice Association
Broward County Bar Association
Palm Beach County Bar Association
American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
Admitted to Federal Court

REPRESENTATIVE VERDICTS AND SETTLEMENTS

Case Name	Case Type	Jurisdiction	Result
Naugle v. Philip Morris	Tobacco - Emphysema	Broward County	\$300,590,000 Verdict
Doe v. Construction Defendants	Road Construction Accident	Florida	\$20,500,000 Settlement
Brown v. National Casualty Company	Truck Accident - Quadriplegic	Broward County	\$14,600,633 Verdict
Chess v. Emergency Medical Foundation (EVAC Ambulance)	Negligent Ambulance Care - Brain Damage	Volusia County	\$10,000,000 Verdict
J. Doe v. Ins. Co.	Car Accident	Florida	\$6,300,000 Verdict With Confidential Settlement
Morrison v. Baxter Healthcare Corp.	Product Liability - Hepatitis C Transmitted by Plasma Product	Broward County	Confidential Settlement After Close of Evidence in Three Month Trial
Walker v. Elliott	Jet Ski accident - Herniated Disc/Single Level Fusion	Miami - Dade County	\$3,378,729 Verdict
Doe v. Manufacturer	Product Liability Exploding Wheel	Florida	\$2,250,000 Settlement
Smith v. Nationwide Lift Trucks, et. al.	Product Liability Fork Lift - Partial Amputation of Foot	Broward County	\$5,925,370 Verdict

Minor Child v. Health Care Providers	Medical Negligence	Out of State	\$7,000,000 Confidential Settlement
Jane Doe v. Pharmaceutical Defendant	Product Liability	Federal Court	\$5,500,000 Confidential Settlement
Estate of Deceased Man v. Health Care Provider	Medical Malpractice	Palm Beach County	\$3,600,000 Confidential Settlement
Estate of John Doe v. Health Care Providers	Medical Negligence - Wrongful Death	Broward County	\$3,200,000 Confidential Settlement
Cook v. Baxter Healthcare Corp.	Product Liability - Hepatitis C Transmitted by Plasma Product	Federal District Court Idaho	\$2,725,000 Verdict, with Jury Finding of Willful and Reckless Conduct by Defendant
Szott v. Baxter Healthcare Corp.	Product Liability - Hepatitis C Transmitted by Plasma Product	Federal District Court Broward County	Confidential Settlement
Mayberry v. Publix Supermarkets	Vehicle Accident - Wrongful Death	Polk County	\$6,963,236 Verdict with Confidential settlement after appeal
Coligny v. Alamo	Pedestrian Hit By Car - Fractured Ankle	Broward County	\$1,567,250 Verdict
Doe v. Car Dealer	Negligent Repair	Broward County	\$4,000,000 Settlement
Piazza v. Werner Ladder Co.	Product Liability Aluminum Ladder - Broken Leg	Broward County	Confidential Settlement During Trial

Byrnes v. Harvey's Groves	Car Accident - Closed Head Injury	Brevard County	\$4,000,000 Settlement at Trial
Thaw v. Eagle Marine, et. al.	Boat Accident - Facial Fractures and Closed Head Injury	Palm Beach County	\$1,337,960 Verdict
Walker v. Bithlo Motors	Racing Accident – Fractured Hip	Orlando	\$1,000,000 Settlement
Perry V. C&J Investments	Trip and Fall – Broken Hip	Broward County	\$1,251,722 Verdict
Doe v. Medical Doctors	Medical Malpractice during minor surgery & vehicle accident	Broward County	\$2,000,000 Settlement
Coffman v. Diplomat Hotel	Trip and Fall – Broken Hip	Broward County	\$876,711.00 Verdict
Villaneuva v. Reynolds	Road Construction – Negligent Design	Osceola County	\$1,000,000 Settlement
J Doe v. Department Store	Trip and Fall on Elevator - Fractured Arm	S. Florida	\$900,000 Settlement
Kavanaugh v. Union Carbide	Asbestos Personal Injury	Palm Beach County	\$1,200,000 Verdict
R.B. v. F.A.A.	Car Accident - Closed Head Injury	Dade County	\$2,000,000 Settlement During Second Phase of Bifurcated Trial
Estate of Jane Doe v. Health Care Providers	Medical Malpractice	Tampa	Policy Limits Settlement
Johnson v. Pompano Beach Medical Center	Medical Malpractice	Broward County	Confidential Settlement After Several Weeks of Trial

M.I. v. Dominos Pizza	Car Accident - Orthopedic Injuries	Broward County	Confidential Settlement
Clark v. Autonation	Breach of Contract	Broward County	\$1,098,000.00 Verdict
Meridith v. Wilson	Car Accident - Closed Head Injury	Broward County	\$1,000,000 Settlement
Dominguez v. Pages	Car Accident - Wrongful Death	Broward County	\$1,100,000 Settlement
Bryson v. Medford	Car Accident - Herniated Disc	Broward County	\$600,000 Verdict
Buchanan v. Alamo Rent-A-Car	Car Accident - Broken Leg	Broward County	\$461,500 Verdict
Martin v. Fred Steven Tree Company	Workplace Car Accident - Wrongful Death	Broward County	\$400,000 Verdict With Finding of Gross Negligence
Gonzalez v. Prudential, et al.	Car Accident - Exacerbation of Parkinsons	Broward County	\$220,000 Verdict
Sherfield v. International Bowling	Premises Liability - Broken Arm	Broward County	\$216,119 Verdict
Marinelli v. Town of Davie Police	Police Brutality - Wrongful Death	Broward County	\$200,000 Settlement During Trial
Leskody v. Publix Supermarkets	Premises Liability - Bruised Leg	Broward County	\$150,000 Verdict
Fine v. Finkel	Car Accident - Fractured Ankle	Broward County	\$126,398 Verdict