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Now in its eleventh edition, Florida Legal Elite presents a prestigious roster of attorneys chosen for highest honors by their peers. The 1,165 lawyers listed here exemplify a standard of excellence in their profession and by so doing, have garnered the respect and esteem of their colleagues.

Voting for this year's Legal Elite attorneys began in October 2013 when Florida Trend invited all in-state members of the Florida Bar to participate. Multiple announcements publicized the ballot deadline and voting guidelines.

Lawyers were asked to name attorneys whom they hold in the highest regard or would recommend to others. Voters were also asked to name three "up and coming" attorneys, and in a separate category, outstanding attorneys working in the government and non-profit sectors.

The ballots were processed, checked and tabulated by Bradenton-based Outsource America and EA Fernbacher LLC in St. Petersburg. Each lawyer was given a score based on the number of votes he or she received, with more weight given to votes from outside the

firm. Only lawyers who are currently licensed and practicing in Florida were eligible for selection.

The list of top vote-getters was further examined using membership status and histories provided by the Florida Bar. A panel of previous Legal Elite winners, representing different practice areas in cities across the state, reviewed the selection process and the list of finalists.



The resulting lists represent fewer than 2% of the active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

This year we induct 13 new members into the Legal Elite Hall of Fame. These attorneys have been consistently ranked in the top tier in Legal Elite voting over the years.

An alphabetical directory of all Legal Elite 2014 winners begins on page 31.

Voting for the 2015 *Florida Legal Elite* will begin in October 2014. For more information, visit www.FloridaTrend.com/LegalElite/2015notify.

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Legal Trends in Florida Business

Two members of Florida Trend's Legal Elite Hall of Fame reflect on decades of practicing law in Florida and offer insight for a brighter future in the Sunshine State.

When Ben Hill and Tom Henderson began practicing law in the 1960's, business operated a bit differently than today. Legal secretaries took shorthand and prepared legal documents using typewriters and carbon paper. The introduction of the fax machine was a game changer, and the evolution to communication tools like cell phones, e-mail and text messaging provided instant connection and accessibility.

Hill and Henderson adapted with the changes over the decades and embraced the benefits that technol-

ogy brought to their practice. One thing that didn't change? The guiding principles used when forming their firm, Hill Ward Henderson.

Swinging Pendulum of Public Policy

Hill and Henderson are pleased to see that Florida is back on track for business attraction and job creation, which drives the economy of our state. Tom Henderson believes Florida is back on track in this area, in part, because there has been a recent swing in public policy at the state level, which has encouraged economic development. Henderson notes that, beginning in the 70's and continuing through the 80's, the state adopted comprehensive legislation aimed at addressing the negative impacts of development and growth on local and state resources including the Development of Regional Impact program and growth management laws.

"The heart and intent of this legislation was good," says Henderson. "The intent was to protect areas from overbuilding and the strain which that

would create on resources such as water consumption, infrastructure and utilities — all things that contribute to a negative impact on our environment." However, Henderson notes, some of this well-meaning legislation had unintended consequences such as creating urban

"The fast pace of business should never impede the personal relationship with a client."

Benjamin H. Hill, III

sprawl and discouraging economic investment and growth in some of Florida's more urban areas. "What we had was a more complicated and costly development process without the expected corresponding benefits," says Henderson.

The pendulum, however, is swinging back into balance. Over the last several years, the Florida



legislature has revised its growth management laws to correct many of the unintended consequences that stymied economic development in the past. The State has also determined that Development of Regional Impact review is no longer required in “dense urban land areas.”

Ensuring the Growth of Florida’s Future

When companies contemplate moving or expanding their business to a new state, one factor always considered in the equation is the state’s liability laws. In Florida, in the area of legal liability, the pendulum is now swinging back toward a balanced approach which will be more advantageous for attracting businesses.

“Our state’s adoption of joint and several liability was not considered business friendly,” Hill says. “The repeal of that legal concept has helped pave the way for our state to be on more short lists for companies contemplating a move or expansion, resulting in more jobs for Floridians.”

Hill and Henderson are optimistic about Florida’s future as they are now seeing the legislative and executive branches take the initiative to become more business friendly. Both are quick to point out that striking a respectful “balance” is the key to our state’s success.

“There is a difference between pro-business and business-friendly,” adds Henderson. “Pro-business indicates that there is an adversary. It should never be business against the environment, or insurance companies or any other special interests. However, businesses that seek to operate responsibly and for the betterment of our

state should be welcomed and encouraged to grow.”

Henderson cites Hertz and Amazon expanding here as “great examples of our state working proactively to create a business-friendly environment that reflects a balanced approach to growth management.”

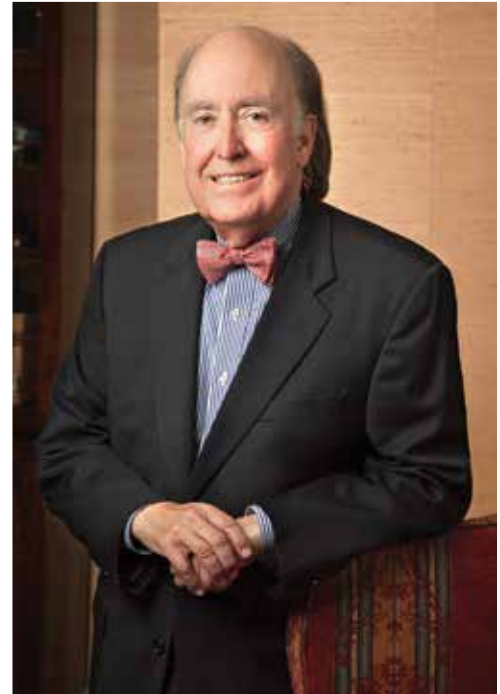
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Thomas N. Henderson, III

Advising the Next Generation of Attorneys

Hill notes that in 1968 there were 10,716 attorneys in Florida; in 2014, there are 98,598. With increased numbers in the field, some practitioners are tempted to put the bottom line of the business before the service component of the profession. Both gentlemen caution young attorneys to develop strong principles by which they operate and — more importantly — to consistently abide by them.

Hill encourages respect and common decency when



working with opposing counsel. This is something the pair has experienced often after decades of practice. “If basic principles of humanity don’t inspire you to treat others with respect, remember this: The attorney you are blasting today may one day be the presiding judge in the courtroom where you will be representing a client.”

“How you treat people really matters and makes a difference,” summarizes Henderson.



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Stephenie Anthony's 16 years of experience in Florida's bankruptcy courts and state and federal litigation has enabled her to adapt to the changing economy, and the changing goals and expectations of bankers, and other creditors in bankruptcy, and loan enforcement litigation.

Frank Lafalce draws on decades of experience as a bank president, bank general counsel, and transactional attorney in private practice to close new loans and

demonstrate innovation in restructuring those that have underperformed in a harsh economy. But their true talents emerge when they work in synergy.

Here they discuss the way in which economic changes have impacted their practice and their team.



**Frank Lafalce and
Stephenie Biernacki Anthony**

In what ways have the needs of financial institutions changed during the past year from your vantage point?

Frank: The most obvious change in my practice in recent months has been the return of commercial lending. The economy's recovery, although tentative and fragile, has unlocked a large volume of pent-up demand for capital. Financial institutions have returned to the market place and are actively seeking new loan opportunities. Proactive commercial lenders strive to maximize these opportunities and look to me for wise advice, skillful drafting, rapid turnaround, and a competitive rate. In this way, we are staying ahead of the curve by returning to the basics of commercial lending.

In what ways do you see a change in chapter 11 bankruptcy work and related litigation?

Stephenie: Reorganization and loan enforcement during the first years of the recession broadly impacted the entire economy, and many well run businesses found themselves struggling based upon bad luck or financial management not sufficiently tailored to these unexpected circumstances. Accordingly, prudent lenders and their lawyers were the first form of reality check for management of struggling enterprises. And despite the best efforts of businesses that were unlucky or not sufficiently equipped to handle the downturn, many necessarily failed. But in the recovering economy, two trends emerged. First, many businesses that find themselves in bankruptcy or in other insolvency proceedings enjoy a business and financial atmosphere conducive to debt restructure. Second, there is an increased frequency of fraud, opportunistic bankruptcy filings, and confrontational litigation practice that was not apparent when lenders and their corporate borrowers were both suffering in the midst of the recession.

How do you seek to maximize debt restructure opportunities for your creditor clients and their borrowers in light of the first trend you have identified?

Stephenie: Five years ago it was commonplace to foreclose within six months of default on multi-million dollar acquisition and development loans for subdivisions that resembled pastures and not neighborhoods. Borrowers were unlucky, or unsophisticated, and financial institutions had to take their lumps and move on. The businesses now finding themselves in chapter 11 generally have more specific business problems than the effects of the recession, and I enjoy working with special asset officers and others to understand the overall legal, business, and financial dynamics of a credit, so that the flexibility of chapter 11 can be utilized for the benefit of the creditor client. Chapter 11 is at its most useful as a vehicle for solving problems that are not simply bilateral, and that is where sophistication and experience pay off. Moreover, because chapter 11 can contemplate loan restructure and sophisticated commercial transactions, we benefit greatly from Frank's experience and expertise in complex reorganizations.

How do you see loan restructure services changing in light of positive economic trends?

Frank: When a lender looks at a non-performing asset, the first question is whether or not the loan can be restored as a performing loan. Sometimes defaults and financial covenants can actually be corrected in the context of a chapter 11 plan. For example, when debt service on undersecured debt, accumulated trade debt, or an unexpected litigation reversal impact a lending relationship, it may be that the lender client seeks to preserve the going concern as the source of repayment of a commercial debt, rather than simply taking back and liquidating collateral. And as we strive to get loans repaid rather than swell the inventory of foreclosed real estate of our clients, we benefit greatly from Stephenie's bankruptcy background. Her insights make our clients cognizant of potential for chapter 11 down the road in a workout, and plan

the right strategy with that in mind. When chapter 11 occurs, either as part of a broader arrangement with the client or unexpectedly, Stephenie and I work together to develop an exit strategy that dovetails with the realities of the case and meets client expectations.

What about those lending relationships that become progressively more contentious in an improving economy?

Stephenie: We have a large number of clients who hold many millions of dollars of deficiency claims against obligors who have failed during recent years. Some have been reduced to judgment, and others are at risk of being barred by the statute of limitations or on other equitable grounds. Many deficiency claims have been resolved in workout agreements that we have handled, but there are many situations where obligors with significant assets are attempting to shield them from legitimate debts, whether through aggressive use of chapter 7, through contrivances using Florida's broad exemptions and entireties laws, or through sophisticated fraudulent transfer activities. I have recovered on countless fraudulent transfer claims and other sophisticated judgment enforcement representations, but it is particularly beneficial to involve Frank when complex conveyances, conflicting financial statements, and peculiar financial activity need to be scrutinized.

Frank: I agree with Stephenie, that five years ago we were not disagreeing with

defaulting principals over large deficiency claims at the level that Stephenie and I are encountering these days. Moreover, these days are different because concessions that lenders used to find appropriate in a down economy are no longer acceptable, and lenders are entitled to better treatment in the context of an improving economy. The question in many instances is no longer whether a given exit strategy proposed by a business is feasible, but whether it gives the lender client the full benefit it is due. I have closed many loan restructures and deficiency repayment agreements, but it is extremely helpful when the bargaining gets contentious to have Stephenie next to me in the board room in cases where obligors and their counsel turn adversarial, and start making threats about lien stripping, cramdown, lender liability, and things of that nature.

One can see how Frank Lafalce and Stephenie Anthony and their teammates are able to cover all of the bases for financial institutions and other creditors in a range of contexts. They and their team are uniquely poised with "bases loaded" as the economy recovers.

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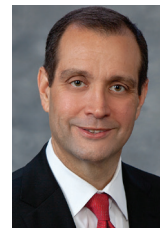
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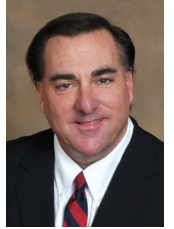
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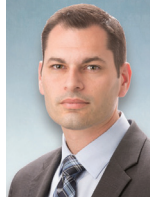


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