

RONALD EDWARDS

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Ronny Edwards focuses his practice on complex business, banking, contract, and real property litigation. With an education that combines both accounting and law, he brings a valuable perspective to matters that require an understanding of financial statements, such as business transactions gone wrong, national and state banking matters, shareholder/partner disputes, fraudulent transfer claims and complex damages analyses. Ronny understands that legal problems are first and foremost business problems and counsels clients from both a business and legal perspective before, during and after litigation. In those situations where a business solution is not achievable, Ronny's extensive courtroom experience allows him to aggressively and effectively represent his clients' interests.

In his practice, Ronny regularly represents national and state banks, developers, commercial landlords, business owners, franchisors and franchisees in a variety of litigation matters. He also has significant experience litigating dealer supply agreements and handling other issues in the fuel and convenience store industry, and with domesticating out-of-state and out-of-country judgments in the State of Florida. Other clients include professional athletes and professional sports organizations.

Ronny is an accomplished litigator who handles a broad variety of high-stakes cases at the trial and appellate levels throughout the State of Florida. He has served as lead trial counsel on bench trials, jury trials and arbitrations, and as lead appellate counsel in a number of appeals.

When he is not in the office, Ronny enjoys spending time with his wife and three children and squeezing in a game of golf.

ADMISSIONS

- Florida

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

EDUCATION

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2007
- University of Florida, B.S., summa cum laude, 2004; Accounting

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Foundation Academy, Board of Directors
- Family Services of Metro Orlando, Past Board of Directors
- Legal Aid Society, Guardian Ad Litem

RECOGNITION

- Rising Star, Florida Super Lawyers, 2015-2018
- Florida Legal Elite Up & Comer, Florida Trend magazine, 2016-2017
- Awesome Attorneys, Orlando Family Magazine, 2021

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- The Florida Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented owner of a restaurant franchisor against a co-owner on a variety of claims, including derivative relief, fraudulent transfer, and other monetary and equitable claims.
- Represented owner of a business against a co-owner and managing member on a variety of claims, including derivative relief, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Defended various banks on numerous occasions in state court, in federal court and in arbitration on a variety of claims involving bank operations, bank transfers and transactions, and account opening matters.
- Represented a group of prominent former NFL players in suing a bank for negligence in allowing accounts to be opened based on forged signatures in Federal Court that settled mid-trial.
- Represented oil distribution companies in contract claims, including breach of dealer supply agreements.
- Represented numerous landlords in suits against tenants for eviction, breach of lease claims and breach of personal guaranty claims.
- Represented a national retail tenant in defending against a multi-million dollar breach of lease claim by its tenant.

- Represented developers in claims made by residents for breach of a declaration of covenants and in other claims relating to real property disputes.

PRESENTATIONS

- Landlord/Tenant Relations in a COVID-19 Era; Presentation to the Business Law Committee of the Orange County Bar Association, October 7, 2020
- Summary Judgment: A New Era?; Co-Presenter with the Honorable Chad K. Alvaro at the Orange County Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference, October 2, 2020
- Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis: Landlord/Tenant Issues Webinar; Lowndes, April 16, 2020

NEWS

- Community Connections: Ronny Edwards Discusses How City of Life Foundation Helps Foster Kids on Their Journey to Adulthood, May 17, 2021
- 12 Lowndes Attorneys Named to Orlando Family Magazine's "Awesome Attorneys 2021", February 11, 2021
- Jennifer Dixon, Ronny Edwards Speakers for OCBA Bench Bar Conference, October 1, 2020
- Four Lowndes Attorneys Speakers for OCBA Webinar on Landlord/Tenant Issues During COVID-19, September 23, 2020
- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, June 18, 2018
- Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Promoted To Shareholder In 2017, February 1, 2017
- Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, June 1, 2017