

## Carl R. Nelson

Carl R. Nelson is a shareholder in the Insurance, Healthcare and Class Action Litigation Practice. Board Certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law by The Florida Bar, he has extensive experience litigating admiralty and maritime law cases involving environmental protection laws (including class actions), collisions, cargo damage, injury and death, charter party disputes, insurance coverage issues, salvage claims, mortgage foreclosures, and considered an expert in admiralty limitation of liability actions. He headed the firm's legal team in the litigation arising out of the 1993 Tampa Bay oil spill and argued numerous appeals. In addition, he has experience in commercial litigation, including defense of class actions and qui tam proceedings, representation of Receivers in SEC enforcement actions, and representation of insurers on business practices and coverage issues. His Appellate practice experience includes litigated cases in state and federal courts.

### Past Experience

- Fowler White Gillen Boggs Villareal Banker, P.A. Clerk
- Fowler White Gillen Boggs Villareal Banker, P.A. Associate
- Served in United States Navy, 1965-1971

### Presentations and Publications

#### Presentations

- "Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute," Speaker, Annual Seminar, Savannah, GA

#### Publications

- "Maritime Jurisdiction" and "Personal Injury and Wrongful Death," Author, The Florida Bar's *Maritime Law and Practice Manual*

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar: Member, Admiralty Law Section and Board Certification Committee
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States: Member, Maritime Personnel and Cruise Ship Committees, 1980-present
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute: Member, 1980-present

### Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Tampa 1999-present



#### Shareholder

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#### Practice Areas

Admiralty / Maritime  
Class Action Litigation  
Securities and Financial Services  
Litigation

#### Industries

Insurance  
Insurance Company Regulation and  
Litigation

#### Education

J.D., Stetson University College of  
Law, 1979 (*Stetson Law Review*; Phi  
Delta Phi)

B.S., With Honors, University of  
Tampa, 1976

#### Bar Admissions

Florida

#### Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court  
Florida State Courts  
U.S. Court of International Trade  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of  
Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of  
Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of  
Florida

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### **Distinctions**

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**Board Certified** in Admiralty and Maritime Law, The Florida Bar

**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2005-2010

**Florida Super Lawyers**, 2007-2010

**Stetson University College of Law**, Adjunct Professor of Admiralty and Maritime Law, 1996-present