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Office Location: West Palm Beach

John Lurvey received his undergraduate degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida. Between undergraduate and law school John was awarded an internship in the Florida Governor's Office, then occupied by Bob Graham. While in law school John was selected as a teaching fellow.

He joined the Hollywood office of Conroy Simberg in 1991 and then moved with his family to Jupiter, Florida in order to develop and manage the liability division of the West Palm Beach office in 1992.

John practices all areas of general liability, premises liability, negligent security and has handled and tried to verdict numerous high notoriety and catastrophic claims, as well as good faith claims. John has been selected to the Catastrophic Claims Trial Panels for several major insurers.



Practice Areas:

- General Liability & Casualty
- Construction Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Insurance Coverage
- Intentional Torts
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability & Services
- Trucking Litigation
- Automobile Litigation
- Bad Faith & Extra Contractual Litigation

Admitted to Practice:

- Florida Bar, 1986
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1992

Education:

- University of Florida College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1984
 - Teaching Fellow, College of Law, 1982
- University of Florida, Bachelor of Arts, 1980
 - Student Senate, College of Arts & Science, 1979 – 1980
 - Honors Internship, Office of Governor Bob Graham, 1980

Professional Affiliations:

- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- American Inns of Court
- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - President, Palm Beach Chapter, 2015
 - President-Elect, Palm Beach Chapter, 2014

- Vice President, Palm Beach Chapter, 2013
- Executive Committee, Palm Beach Chapter, 2011-present

Honors & Awards

- Martindale Hubbell, A.V. Preeminent rated, 2003 – Present
- Top Lawyers of South Florida, Top Attorney, 2012-2014
- Defense Attorney of the Year, ABOTA, Palm Beach County, 2012
- National Law Journal, Verdict Search, Top 20 Defense Verdicts in USA, 2003
- Defense Attorney – Jones v DeLarosier – Jury Trial featured Nationally on Court TV, 2003

Speaking Engagements

- Co-Moderator for the 9th Annual James Otis Lecture Series in conjunction with the Palm Beach County School District. The lecture program focused on the Constitution and was by presented by scholars, judges, and American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) members, 2019
- Panelist, "Professionalism: 'To Speak or Not to Speak, That Is the Question,'" American Trial Advocates (ABOTA) - Palm Beach Chapter Trial College, 2018
- Moderator for Palm Beach County Annual "Bench Bar" Conference - Personal Injury Section - 2015
- Energi Risk Management and Insurance Seminar, 2014
- "Masters of Trial", Faculty, American Board of Trial Advocates, Palm Beach Chapter in 2012
- Program Chair for The American Board of Trial Advocates, Palm Beach Chapter, The Honorable Jeffrey A. Winikoff Memorial Professionalism Seminar, August 2011
- "Constitution Day," American Board of Trial Advocates, 2011 - 2013
- Annual Conroy Simberg Claims Management Seminars
- Numerous In-House Claims Seminars for Major Insurance Carriers

Representative Experience

- *Tina Jones as Personal Representative of the Estate of Adam Jones, Deceased vs. Karen and Pierre De Larosiere*
 - This case was tried to a defense verdict in the face of extremely high, local notoriety. The action arose out of the beating death of a minor following a party at a luxury residence in South Florida. A criminal action preceded the civil trial which resulted in a manslaughter conviction. The trial of the case was featured nationally on Court TV. The result was published in Verdict Search and selected as one of the top 20 defense verdicts in the nation for 2003.
- *Furman Lee Jones, et. al. vs. Robinson Fruit Harvesters, Inc. and Harold Smith*
 - The trial of this case involved a head on collision between a tractor trailer and a van carrying migrant workers. Each of the occupants of the van sustained catastrophic injuries including paraplegia, blindness, brain injury, etc. Four plaintiffs cases were consolidated for purposes of trial and the issue of workers' compensation immunity was bifurcated. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defense. The carrier estimated the value of the exposure between \$8 and \$12 million dollars.
- *Livingston Builders vs. L. Frank Chopin as Trustee of the Palm Beach Trust*

- This claim was an action between a general contractor and the Palm Beach Trust, the trust which supports Kate Ford, the surviving spouse of Henry Ford II. The claims involved the construction of a \$42,000,000 dollar residence in Palm Beach. The trust claimed construction defects and attorneys' fees which, in total, exceeded \$7 million dollars. In addition, it was alleged that Ms. Ford was exposed to mold which resulted from the defects and significantly affected her given that she suffered from emphysema. The case was tried for three weeks and resolved in a payment which was several million dollars less than the demand made on the eve of trial and less than the attorney's fees incurred by The Palm Beach Trust.

Community Involvement:

- City of North Miami Beach, Civil Service Board
 - Member, 1986
 - Chairman, 1987