Michael Kraft

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Office Location: Tampa

Michael has always practiced in the insurance defense field and joined Conroy Simberg in 2000. He continues to practice in all areas of general liability and has been the managing partner of the firm's liability division in the Tampa office since 2006. He has handled and tried numerous complex claims, including wrongful death, products liability, environmental law, negligent security, construction defects, premises liability, malpractice, subrogation, employment law (EEOC and Florida Commission on Human Relations) and automobile liability cases.

Michael Kraft earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from George Washington University in 1993 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law in 1996.

Education:

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law
- B.B.A., George Washington University

Practice Areas:

- Bad Faith & Extra Contractual Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Construction Litigation
- Professional Liability & Services
- General Liability & Casualty
- Automobile Litigation
- Class Actions
- Employment Law
- Mass Tort
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Trucking Litigation
- Asbestos
- First Party Property & Coverage
- Intentional Torts
- Subrogation

Bar Admissions:

- Florida Bar
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Professional Affiliations:

- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- American Bar Association
- Certified Legal Manager

Representative Experience:

- Received a summary judgment in a negligent security case involving a shooting where a teenager who was attending a party was struck by a bullet and lost his eye. The defense was that the plaintiff and the shooter were not invited guests and therefore no duty was owed. They both had crashed a sweet sixteen birthday party.

Speaking Engagements:

- "Florida's New Tort Reform," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, 2024
- "Bad Faith/Florida's New Tort Reform," Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2023
- "2022 Premises Liability Update," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2022
- "2021 Premises Liability Update," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2021
- "2019 Premises Liability Update," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, May 2019
- "Game of Thrones – The Florida "Castle" Doctrine and Other Premises Liability Issues," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Seminar, April 2018
- "Keep the Faith: The Dos and Don'ts of Bad Faith," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2017

Honors & Distinctions:

- *The Best Lawyers in America, 20*21-2027, Listed in Florida for Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- AV® Preeminent rating, Martindale-Hubbell