

## MARKS GRAY ELECTS FOUR NEW SHAREHOLDERS FOR 2016

**(JACKSONVILLE, FL – February 1st, 2016)** Marks Gray is pleased to announce four new shareholders effective January 2016. Each has underscored the firm’s capabilities in insurance, medical and professional liability litigation, and its growing intellectual property practice.

The firm’s newest shareholders are **Meagan L. Logan, Jill F. Bechtold, Michael D. Kendall,** and **Crystal T. Broughan.**

“These attorneys have achieved outstanding results for our clients and have differentiated themselves as leaders,” said Firm Chair Gerald Weedon. “Their practices support the firm’s core mission of integrity and superior service to our clients. They’re an important part of Marks Gray’s continued success and exciting future.”



**Meagan L. Logan** handles matters involving municipal liability, civil rights, appellate litigation, and general liability defense. She is a Martindale-Hubbell AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> rated attorney with experience managing multi-defendant litigation matters. Ms. Logan represents municipalities, public and private business organizations, and corporate entities. She is licensed to practice in both Florida and Georgia, including the U.S. District Court for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Georgia State, and Superior Courts, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, as well as the Georgia Court of Appeals. She is also a member of the Florida Bar Association, the Georgia Bar Association, Jacksonville Bar Association, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association (FDLA), and the Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel (JADC). Additionally, she has been selected as a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2010 – 2016. Ms. Logan earned her law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2005, and joined Marks Gray in 2008. She can be reached at [mlogan@marksgray.com](mailto:mlogan@marksgray.com).



**Jill F. Bechtold** practices in the areas of medical and professional liability defense, products liability and general civil litigation defense. She has been recognized as a top lawyer by Florida Super Lawyer and Florida Trend magazines, has an AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell, and is a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI), Chester Bedell Inn of Court, and the Florida Defense Lawyers Association. Ms. Bechtold earned her law degree from the University of Florida and joined Marks Gray in 2013. She speaks nation-wide before defense lawyers on the Reptile Strategy and related topics. She can be reached at [jbechtold@marksgray.com](mailto:jbechtold@marksgray.com).



**Michael D. Kendall** is the Chair of the workers' compensation practice area and has been practicing law since 2000. His work focuses primarily on representing insurance carriers and employers in Workers' Compensation matters. He counsels insurance companies, hospitals, government entities, and individuals in all aspects of civil litigation. Mr. Kendall has served as adjunct professor at Florida Coastal School of Law, Judicial Staff Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and past President of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville. Today, he is still active with the charity as a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Kendall is a 2000 cum laude graduate from the University of Dayton School Of Law. He is a top rated civil litigation attorney and was selected as a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2010-2015. He can be reached at [mkendall@marksgray.com](mailto:mkendall@marksgray.com).



**Crystal T. Broughan** leads the Intellectual Property Law practice, handling complex matters in trademark, trade secret, and copyright legal advocacy to clients ranging from start-ups to international corporations. She represents clients before the Trademark Trials and Appeals Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as managing infringement litigation for all types of intellectual property matters in federal and state courts. An AV rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, Ms. Broughan is a member of the International Trademark Association's (INTA) Law Firm Committee and the former chair of the Jacksonville Bar Associations Franchise Intellectual Property and Technology Law Committee. In addition, she manages insurance fraud investigations and litigation on behalf of the special investigation units for insurance companies. During her more than 25 years of practice, she served as the Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor in Jacksonville for the Florida Office of the Attorney General and as an Assistant State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. In 2012, she was awarded the Insurance Lawyer of the Year award by the Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee (FIFEC). She is a Master in the Chester Bedell Inn of Court, a member of the Jacksonville Women's Network, a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2010 and Leadership Orlando, Class of 1984. Ms. Broughan graduated from the Florida State University College of Law in 1990. She can be reached at [cbroughan@marksgray.com](mailto:cbroughan@marksgray.com).

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### **About Marks Gray, PA**

Founded in 1899, Marks Gray is a full-service litigation and transactional law firm with 26 attorneys representing national, regional, and local clients across a broad spectrum of practice areas. In our second century of service, Marks Gray has established itself as one of Jacksonville's oldest and most respected law firms. With over 115 years of knowledge and experience, Marks Gray is ranked as one of Jacksonville Business Journal's Top 50 law firms, is recognized as a top law firm by U.S. News & World Report, and has achieved an AV® Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell® for professional and ethical excellence.

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