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**Edward L. Birk named  
Vice-President of ADTA**

Marks Gray is pleased to announce attorney Edward L. Birk was elected Vice President of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA) at its 77th Annual meeting in Austin, Texas. Mr. Birk has served as Treasurer and a member since 2003.

Marks Gray has a long-standing relationship with the ADTA, including past Vice-Presidents H. Frank Perritt, James C. Rinaman and Gerald W. Weedon. "We are proud to have another extremely talented and dedicated lawyer such as Ed serve the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys" said Marks Gray President, Frederick H. Kent. Attorney Ed Birk shared, "It is a very humbling experience to receive such an honor particularly because it comes from those for whom I have the greatest respect."



**Jephtha F. Barbour honored in  
Florida Trend's Legal Elite**

Shareholder Jephtha "Jep" Barbour has been once again named a *Legal Elite* by Florida Trend magazine. This is Mr. Barbour's 11th year to receive this designation. He is listed in the Civil Trial category.

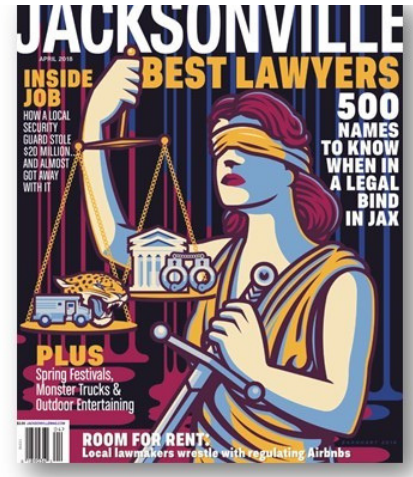
The selection process for the listing is rigorous. It begins with notifying and inviting members of the Florida Bar to name attorneys they hold in the highest regard or would recommend to others. The ballots are processed, checked and tabulated. The list of top voted attorneys is further examined using membership status and practice histories provided by The Florida Bar. This year's list of Legal Elite attorneys represent the top 2% of attorneys in the state of Florida as judged by their peers.



**Michael B. Bittner featured in  
the Trial Advocate Quarterly**

Attorney Michael B. Bittner's article titled, "Florida Construction Lien Law: A Practical Guide" was featured in Florida Defense Lawyers Association's (FDLA) the Spring 2018 edition of Trial Advocate Quarterly.

Mr. Bittner practices in the areas of construction litigation, commercial litigation, real estate litigation and business law. He has extensive experience litigating construction and business disputes including complex construction defect claims, contractual disputes, real property disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, and collections matters. Please [click here](#) to read his article.



## Marks Gray Attorneys Share Their Expertise in Blogs

Do you know if a monkey can sue for copyright infringement or if a claimant's right to bring a cause of action based on a construction defect extends indefinitely? What about questions most asked regarding probate? Do you know your options if you want to hire someone but their EAD has expired or that calling someone a drunkard is libel – unless it's true?

All these questions and more can be answered by our attorneys in their blogs. Click on the images below to see Marks Gray attorney blogs. Be sure to bookmark them and check back regularly for updates.



MICHAEL B. BITTNER  
FLORIDA CONSTRUCTION LAW



EDWARD L. BIRK  
MEDIA LAW BLOG



CRYSTAL T. BROUGHAN  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BLOG



JOHN R. CRAWFORD  
ESTATE PLANNING BLOG



GISSELLE CARSON  
IMMIGRATION BLOG

## Marks Gray Attorneys Named Best Lawyers

Marks Gray, P.A. is pleased to announce that seven of its attorneys are named Best Lawyers in Jacksonville. Jephtha F. Barbour is honored as one of the Lawyers of the Year and The Florida Supreme Court Board Certified attorneys are recognized in their legal specialty in Jacksonville Magazine.

### Best Lawyers 2018

- \* Jephtha F. Barbour
- \* Edward L. Birk
- \* Susan S. Erdelyi
- \* Frederick H. Kent, III
- \* Mary Bland Love
- \* Nicholas V. Pulignano, Jr.
- \* Gerald W. Weedon

### Board Certified Lawyers

- \* Jephtha F. Barbour
- \* John R. Crawford
- \* Frederick H. Kent, III
- \* Gerald W. Weedon

“Having our attorneys recognized as Best Lawyers in Jacksonville Magazine is a great honor,” said firm President, Frederick H. Kent, III, “It is a testament to the respect and admiration bestowed upon them from their peers in the Jacksonville community.”





### **Meagan L. Logan attends Lake City Policeman's Ball**

Marks Gray shareholder and Lake City resident, Meagan Logan attended the Lake City Policeman's Ball on Saturday, June 9. Meagan (pictured 3rd from left) joined City officials including City Council members and the City Attorney at the annual event. Ms. Logan splits her time between Marks Gray's Jacksonville and Lake City offices.



### **Attorneys attend Judicial Reception 2018**

Attorneys Giselle Carson, Edward L. Birk and Denise C. May (pictured left to right) attended the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association's *Celebrating Civility* Judicial Reception on Wednesday, June 6th. Photo credit: Melanie Miller Photography



### **Attorneys Mary Bland Love and Austin C. Sherman Present CME**

On May 30, Attorneys Mary Bland Love and Austin C. Sherman presented a CME at the Ocala Regional Medical Center. Over forty healthcare professionals received credits from their presentation titled, *Informed Consent under Florida Law*.



### **Our Player Champions**

During The Players Championship week, shareholders Nicholas V. Pulignano, Jr. (far left), Tyler J. Oldenburg (second from left), Jephtha "Jep" Barbour (far right) and Michael B. Bittner (not pictured) joined JBA President, Tad Delegal, to tee-up for the 2018 Jacksonville Bar Association Golf Tournament. The foursome placed 3rd in the men's division.



### **Marks Gray Supports Tom Coughlin's Jay Fund**

Marks Gray continues its support of Tom Coughlin's Jay Fund at the 2018 Jay Fund Wine Tasting Gala on March 13. Shareholder John R. Crawford (pictured right) has served on the Board of Directors for fifteen years. Pictured left, Marketing Director, Shannon M. Peabody, and guest with Mr. Coughlin at the event.