

H. GEORGE KAGAN, ESQUIRE

H. George Kagan was named among the “Top 100” Florida Super Lawyers for two years and included among Florida Super Lawyers for the last seven. In 2012 he received Martindale-Hubbell’s 30th anniversary “AV-Preeminent” rating (Highest Possible Peer Review Rating in Legal Ability & Ethical Standards) and has for seventeen years seen continuous inclusion in Best Lawyers in America. He is also immediate past chair of the national Workers’ Compensation Committee of DRI: Voice of the Defense Bar, where he inaugurated the National Workers’ Compensation Review, now in its 4th year.

In 2010 George was inducted into the American Bar Association’s College of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers and his firm, Miller, Kagan, Rodriguez & Silver, was designated as one of the nations’ “Best Law Firms” by US News and World Report from 2010 to 2012. In January, 2012, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Florida Workers’ Compensation Hall of Fame. Also in 2012, George lectured on the foundational topic of “medical benefits” at “The Forum” – the combined Florida Bar Board Certification Course tied to the WCCP Claims Professionals CWCL Certification course.

George had the privilege of having been elected Chair of The Florida Bar’s Workers’ Compensation Section, during which term he founded and served as Editor-in-Chief (for 7 years) of The W.C. Section News and 440 Report. He served as Executive Committee member of the section for 12 years and was appointed by the president of the Florida Bar as Workers’ Compensation Rules Committee chair and also as Vice Chair of the inaugural Workers’ Compensation Board Certification Committee – and he was appointed by the Governor of Florida as member, Statewide Nominating Committee. He has also served as Steering Committee member of the National Workers’ Compensation Institute (formerly FWCI) for over 20 years.

George is particularly proud of the following three appointments:

He was appointed by the Chief Judge of Florida’s 15th Judicial Circuit, the renowned Jack Cook, as his successor as President of the Craig S. Barnard Chapter of the American Inns of Court, 1994-1995, a national legal society aimed at elevating the practice and professionalism of bench and bar; He was selected by Florida’s First District Court of Appeal as its district-wide “attorney-representative” to the Conference of State District and Supreme Courts, 1999, and finally; in 2004 he was invited to speak at the annual meeting of the Florida Bar at a special memorial ceremony honoring the memory and professionalism of the late Miami-Dade Circuit and Florida 3rd District Court of Appeal Judge – but originally Judge of Compensation Claims – Wilke D. Ferguson.

George is also proud of having received in 1994 the Friends of 440 Award as distinguished defense attorney honoree for the year, and The Bud Adams’ Award for professionalism a few years earlier. He is included among Corporate Counsel Magazine’s “Best Lawyers”, has been named among Florida Trend’s Legal Elite for his

appellate work, and he has been designated one of Florida's Top Lawyers by Florida Monthly and as one of South Florida Magazine's "Top Lawyers" for 2011.

George received his J.D. degree from the University of Miami in 1975 and his B.A. from the University of South Florida in 1972. He recalls the pivotal moment in his career when, in June, 1975, he had to decide between an offer of an Assistant State's Attorney position extended to him by Janet Reno, or going to work for H. Jack Miller and Dick Hodges. He has never regretted his choice.