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## Neil Blackmon

COUNSEL IN GAINESVILLE, FL

### SERVICES

Corporate Formation, Governance  
& Advice

Local Government

Employment Litigation

Labor & Employment Counseling

Commercial Litigation

Professional Liability

Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith

### INDUSTRIES

Government

Lawyers & Law Firms

Insurance Transactions &

Regulatory Law

Neil joined Sandberg Phoenix in 2024 and is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Practice group. Neil is an appellate and litigation support counsel who practices in a variety of areas of civil law. He is also an experienced election and political lawyer, having represented both political parties and candidates in local administrative matters and federal court proceedings.

Neil's practice has focused, in both a plaintiff's counsel and defense counsel capacity, on representing parties in matters involving business torts, employment law matters, including civil rights claims, premises and product liability torts, general commercial litigation, commercial carrier litigation, the Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 3, 4 and 4A), professional malpractice litigation and insurance coverage disputes. Neil has also regularly assisted both fellow lawyers and large, institutional corporate clients with issues regarding appellate strategy, subpoena compliance, and internal investigations and pre-litigation strategy in an outside counsel capacity.

Neil has defended large corporations in all phases of complex civil litigation and appeals. He has successfully briefed, argued, and defended on appeal several summary judgment motions, both in state and federal court. He has prepared and defended corporate representatives and parties in depositions, represented those parties in court hearings, and prepared and argued multiple motions in a second-chair capacity for civil jury trials.

Neil is licensed to practice law in Florida, North Carolina, all federal courts sitting in Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Neil also has worked for over a decade as a journalist with extensive writing, editing, reporting and social media experience across a variety of mediums and media platforms

## **LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)**

Florida

North Carolina

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States District for the Southern District of Florida

United States District for the Middle District of Florida

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States.

## **EDUCATION**

University of Florida Levin College of Law, JD 2007

Book Award: Criminal Law

Book Award: Federal courts

University of Florida, BA (cum laude), 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Florida Defense Lawyers Association

Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Amicus Committee

Sports Lawyer Association

Member, Football Writers Association of America

Member, Basketball Writers Association of America

Member, National Football Foundation

#### **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Former President, Gator Club of Miami (2020-2021)

Ambassador, University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment (2020-2021)

2017 Fellow, New Leaders Council

Board Member, New Leaders Council (2018-2020)

Board Member, North American Soccer Reporters (2024)

Member, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church