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### H. George Kagan: *version 2020*

- Named among the "**Top 100**" of all Florida '**Super Lawyers**' for two years and among *Florida's 31 'Super Lawyers' in W.C.* for 2019 (15th year).
- Received *Martindale-Hubbell's '40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "AV--Preeminent"* rating (Highest Possible Peer Review Rating in Legal Ability & Ethical Standards)
- Received special *Martindale-Hubbell Judicial Recognition AV* rating.
- *Best Lawyers in America*: continuous inclusion for over 20 years.
- **2019 national winner, WorkCompCentral's Comp Laude® Award 'With Honor' – in the category of Defense Attorney.**  
Named in 2018 and again in 2019 as a finalist -- one of six nationwide.
- **2019 finalist for WorkCompCentral's Comp Laude® People's Choice Award for the presentation "The Admiral and I."**
- **Also new, for 2019 -- and just announced for 2020!** H. George Kagan P.A. is designated one of only seven law firms in Florida to receive **U.S. News & World Report's "Best Law Firms for Workers' Compensation Law-Employers."** (His former firm, MKRS Law, is another of the seven.)
- Past national chair, *Workers' Compensation Committee of DRI: Voice of the Defense Bar, and while there:*
  - *Originated (and current cochair), National Workers' Compensation Review, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year (11 years at Florida's WCEC).*



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- *Authored 'The Big-Ticket Medical Benefits Lottery -- A Call for Clarity' nationally published in DRI's principal journal 'For the Defense,' June 2009.*
- *Elected, Chair of The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Section,*
  - *There, he founded and served as Editor-in-Chief (7 years); [The Workers' Compensation Section News & 440 Report](#) pain*
- *Board Certified Specialist in Worker's Compensation, 1988-2023; [Vice Chair, inaugural Florida Bar Board of Worker's Compensation Certification, 1988.](#)*
- *Inductee, inaugural class of the [Florida Workers' Compensation Hall of Fame, 2012.](#)*
- *Inducted as a Fellow, American Bar Association's [College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, 2010.](#)*
- *Included among [Corporate Counsel Magazine's 'Best Lawyers.'](#)*
- *Named among [Florida Trend's 'Legal Elite'](#) for Appellate work.*
- *Designated one of Florida's Top Lawyers by [Florida Monthly.](#)*
- *Included; [South Florida Magazine's 'Top Lawyers.'](#)*
- *Recognized as among "the top 1% most endorsed on @LinkedIn in United States for Workers Compensation." <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/profile/1/311/a91>.*

George was appointed;

- *By the president of the Florida Bar as Florida Bar [Workers' Compensation Rules Committee chair](#);*
- *By the president of the Florida Bar as Vice Chair of its (inaugural) [Workers' Compensation Board Certification Committee](#);*
- *By the Governor of Florida as member, [Statewide Nominating Committee.](#)*



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- He has for 25 years served as Steering Committee member of the **National Workers' Compensation Institute (NCI)** (formerly FWCI), which puts on the annual Workers' Compensation Educational Conference, now in its 68<sup>th</sup> year.

George is particularly proud of the following three appointments:

- (1) Appointed by the Chief Judge of Florida's 15th Judicial Circuit, the renowned Jack Cook, as his successor-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;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Invited to speak at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Florida Bar special memorial ceremony honoring the memory and professionalism of the late Miami-Dade Circuit and Florida 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Appeal Judge – but originally Judge of Compensation Claims -- Wilke D. Ferguson.

A frequent lecturer, George presented foundational topics such as

- Legal Management in Catastrophic Cases, national IRSG (Insurance Rehabilitation Study Group) conference, Fort Lauderdale Florida, May 2017
- 'Medical benefits,' 'Attorney's Fees,' 'Death Benefits' and other topics from year to year at the annual '**The Forum**' Florida Bar Board Certification Course, tied to the **WCCP** Claims Professionals CWCL Certification course (for some 14 years overall).
- He remains co-chair, and annual presenter, at the **National Workers' Compensation Review**, which he founded and where in 2016 and again in 2017 he presented in a joint special session on "Wither the grand bargain/Constitutional crisis in Worker's Compensation and on 'Faith Based Claims,' a unique annual presentation of the NWCR.



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George is also proud of having received the 1994 *Friends of 440 Award*, as distinguished defense attorney honoree for the year, and *The Bud Adams' Award* for professionalism a few years earlier.

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 (future) career, when he had to decide between an offer of an Assistant State's Attorney position extended him by [Janet Reno](#) following his internship under her, or going to work for H. Jack Miller and Dick Hodges in their boutique WC practice: he has never regretted his choice.