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H. George Kagan: *version 2025*

- Named among the "**Top 100**" Florida *'Super Lawyers'* for two years and among Florida's 31 *'Super Lawyers' in W.C.* for 2025 (20th year).
- **2025: *Best Lawyers in America***: continuous inclusion over 25 years.
- **2025: H. George Kagan P.A., *Best Law Firms in America, Tier 1, Metro Ranking*** (One of nine Florida firms to attain Tier 1 ranking, WC defense),
- **2019: National Winner, *WorkCompCentral's Comp Laude® Award***: WC Defense Attorney of the year.
- **2024 H. George Kagan P.A., U.S. News & World Report's "Best Law Firms--Workers' Compensation Law--Employers."** One of only eight firms in Florida. Continuously awarded Since 2019.
- **2025 *Martindale-Hubbell's "AV-Preeminent"*** rating (Highest Possible Peer Review Rating in Legal Ability & Ethical Standards) and previously, its '40th Anniversary' commemoration.
- Received special ***Martindale-Hubbell Judicial Recognition*** AV rating.
- Past national chair, ***Workers' Compensation Committee*** of **DRI: *Voice of the Defense Bar***, and while there:
 - ***Originated (and continuously cochair), *National Workers' Compensation Review****, now in its 16th year (14 years at WCI's Workers' Compensation Educational Conference, which is now in its 77th year and drawing up to 8,000 attendees annually).
 - ***Authored 'The Big-Ticket Medical Benefits Lottery -- A Call for Clarity'*** nationally published in **DRI's** principal journal ***'For the Defense,'*** June 2009.



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- **Elected, Chair, 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.**
- **Vice Chair, inaugural Florida Bar Board of Worker's Compensation Certification, 1988.**
 - **Board Certified Specialist in Worker's Compensation, 1988-2024;**
- **Inductee, Florida Workers' Compensation Hall of Fame, inaugural class (2012).**
- **Inductee, Fellow, College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers (2010).**
- **Has been included among Corporate Counsel Magazine's 'Best Lawyers.'**
- **Has been named among Florida Trend's 'Legal Elite' for Appellate work.**
- **Has been designated one of Florida's Top Lawyers by Florida Monthly.**
- **Has been 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>.**
- **2019 finalist for WorkCompCentral's Comp Laude® People's Choice Award for the presentation "The Admiral and I."**

George was appointed;

- **By the president of the Florida Bar, Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Rules Committee chair;**



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- o By the president of the **Florida Bar**, Vice Chair of its (inaugural) **Workers' Compensation Board Certification Committee**;
- o By the **Governor of Florida**, member, **Statewide Nominating Commission** (1994).
- o Served as Steering Committee member of the **National Workers' Compensation Institute (NCI)** which puts on the annual Workers' Compensation Educational Conference (for 25 years).

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, Craig S. Barnard Chapter (Palm Beach County Chapter), 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 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 3rd 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 Forum,'** Florida Bar Board



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Certification Course tied to the [WCCP](#) Claims Professionals CWCL Certification course (for some 14 years overall).

- He remains co-chair, and annual presenter, [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. Currently George heads the recurring panel "State of the States Review: a National Case Law update presented at the conference.

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.