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About Andrew

Andrew Kruppa is the Miami office managing partner and acts as deputy general counsel for the firm. He focuses his practice on defending claims against manufacturers of medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Andy also defends professional liability and conflict of interest claims against law firms. He maintains an active business litigation practice. Andy has represented clients at trials in Florida, Indiana, New York, Ohio and South Carolina.

Andy is a member of the Federal Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.

Experience

- Serving as defense trial counsel in the pelvic mesh litigation.
- Serving as defense trial counsel in the hernia mesh litigation.
- Serving as defense trial counsel in the knee replacement and revision litigation.
- Obtained a complete defense verdict in January 2020 in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida in a pelvic mesh case where the plaintiff alleged design defects and negligence. Reported at *Salinero v. Johnson & Johnson*, 400 F. Supp. 3d 1334 (S.D. Fla. 2019); *Salinero v. Johnson & Johnson*, No. 1:18-cv-23643-UU, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179586 (S.D. Fla. Sep. 5, 2019); *Salinero v. Ethicon*, Inc., No. 1:18-CV-23643, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128484 (S.D. Fla. July 16, 2020).
- Lead counsel for a design-build general contractor in the tragic Florida International University pedestrian bridge collapse. Handled on-site investigation, counseling, media response, crisis management, coordination with state and federal regulators, and defense and resolution of 15 consolidated wrongful death and personal injury lawsuits.
- Obtaining a defense verdict for a medical device manufacturer. Handling the trial resulting in a complete defense verdict in favor of the client mesh manufacturer. Reported at *TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. v. Moore*, 936 N.E. 2d 201 (Ind. 2010).
- Handling the trial and successfully obtaining reversal of an adverse verdict by the Indiana Supreme Court of a multimillion-dollar wrongful death jury verdict by arguing that there was insufficient evidence of negligence by a major seatbelt manufacturer. Reported at*TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. v. Moore*, 936 N.E. 2d 201 (Ind. 2010).

- Serving as trial counsel for a major seatbelt manufacturer against multiple claims including wrongful death and quadriplegia; the jury found the client not liable, although the client's co-defendant was held liable and ordered to pay a judgment of US$18 million.
- Serving as lead trial counsel for an automotive supplier in a contested proceeding in the Chrysler Bankruptcy valued in excess of US$17 million.
- Serving as trial counsel for a roadway construction company against a claim of negligence arising from a traffic crash resulting in traumatic brain injury.
- Defending a retailer in a wrongful death action arising from a highway traffic accident.
- Representing a health insurance company in a complex multimillion-dollar dispute with a state government over alleged legacy obligations of a company divested by the client.
- Lead counsel for a public healthcare company and its CEO in defense of a securities fraud class action and related shareholder derivative suit.
- Obtaining dismissal under the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* in a multimillion-dollar case arising from an allegation that our client failed to honor an agreement to use a sub-contractor in support of its bid to offer services to a foreign oil company.
- Successfully obtaining dismissal of a declaratory judgment action by arguing that the case – which involved an insurance policy that was executed in England, among largely English companies, and was governed by English law – should be resolved by an English court. Reported at *Rolls-Royce Commercial Marine, Inc. v. New Hampshire Insurance Co./AIG Europe (UK) Ltd.*, Case No. 09-61329, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128925 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 7, 2010).
- Successfully defeating attacks on the federal court's subject matter jurisdiction, and then obtaining summary judgment of foreclosure and title out of foreclosure to the historic beachfront Traymore Hotel in South Beach on behalf of client SR South Beach One, LLC (a spinoff of New York private real estate investment firm Steep Rock Capital).
- Obtaining summary judgment under the statute of limitations as applied under the Missouri borrowing statute for a seatbelt manufacturer in a case involving two wrongful death claims due to a rollover accident.
- Obtaining a favorable settlement of behalf of three clients in three related lawsuits involving complex disputes over land development rights and responsibilities for a regional mall in Florida after defeating a motion for temporary injunction that would have resulted in the closing of an operating restaurant.
- Counseling businesses on data breach prevention, response, and insurance issues.
- Representing a trampoline manufacturer in a declaratory judgment action seeking a declaration that the client's trampolines do not infringe on a competitor's patents.
- Representing a not-for-profit company in a lawsuit in the District of Puerto Rico against an insurance and bonding company for the company's failure to pay or perform under a surety bond that guaranteed a general contractor's obligation to construct a housing facility for the elderly.

Credentials

Education

- The Ohio State University, J.D., with honors, Order of the Coif, Phi Kappa Phi, 2000
- Colby College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, distinction in major, 1997

Admissions

- New York, 2011

- Florida, 2009
- Ohio (inactive), 2000

Courts

- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Florida
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of Florida
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Ohio
- U.S. Dist. Ct., Middle Dist. of Florida

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member of the Federal Bar Association the Dade County Bar Association
- Member of the Cuban American Bar Association
- Member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals

Recognitions

- Selected in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation since 2022

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

Industries

- Life Sciences

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Presentations

- "How Safe is Your Data? Top Data Protection Issues Keeping Executives Awake at Night,"; Squire Sanders Client Seminar, May 22, 2014.
- "Expert Witnesses: Prep, Depos, Exam and Cross - How to Get it Right," PINCUS Professional Education, Mar. 20, 2014.
- "What Every Commercial Lawyer Needs to Know about FDUTPA and Civil Theft," Dade County Bench and Bar Conference, Feb. 28, 2014.
- "Tires and Components: Putting It Together One Piece at a Time," the role of the tire and component parts supplier in litigation continues to evolve as the economy, new litigation tactics, and the relationships between OEMs and suppliers keep changing, ABA TIPS Conference, Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation, Apr. 5, 2013.

Publications

- Unmasking Anonymous Internet Misconduct, Dade County Bar Association Bulletin, July 2014.
- Florida Revamps Data Security and Data Breach Statutes, co-author Gary Timin, May 2014.
- Florida Supreme Court's Recent Basulto Decision Serves as a Reminder to Review Arbitration Clauses in Consumer Contracts, Squire Sanders Litigation Bulletin, March 2014.

- Pending Supreme Court Cases Could Reshape the Scope of Federal Preemption of State Law Claims, co-author Adam Fox, Squire Sanders Litigation Update, 2010.

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One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.