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David Wells is a trial lawyer who serves on Gunster's board of directors, and is a member of the Business Litigation practice.

David's trial practice is nationwide, focusing on bet-the company litigation in the financial services, construction and professional liability arenas. David is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in ten categories, and is a nine-time recipient of The Best Lawyers in America® "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville.

David's clients include closely-held and publicly-owned corporations, financial services institutions, high net worth individuals and service professionals, as well as partnerships and sole proprietorships. His litigation practice spans multiple aspects of dispute resolution, ranging from alternative dispute resolution, to litigation, through trial and on appeal.

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EDUCATION

University of Miami, J.D., magna cum laude, 1980

University of Miami Law Review, editor-in-chief, 1979-80

Florida International University, B.S., summa cum laude, 1977

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar, 1980

United States Court of Appeals

Eleventh Circuit, 1992

United States District Court

Southern District of Florida, 1982; Middle District of Florida, 1991; Northern District of Florida, 2006

U.S. Supreme Court, 1995

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American College of Trial Lawyers, fellow

Chester Bedell Inns of Court, master

HONORS

American College of Trial Lawyers, fellow

AV Preeminent rating as independently determined by Martindale-Hubbell

Jacksonville Business Journal, "Ultimate Attorneys: Best of the Bar," 2020

The Best Lawyers in North America®, Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2020, Securities Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2019 & 2021, Banking & Finance Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2013, 2018 & 2019, Construction Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2016, Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2015, Real Estate Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2012 & 2015, Bet-the-Company Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Jacksonville, 2011

The Best Lawyers in America®, Antitrust Litigation, Banking & Finance Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Construction Litigation, Defendants Legal Malpractice Law, Defendants Professional Malpractice Law, Real Estate Litigation and Securities Litigation, 1995-2021

Chambers & Partners, "Leaders in Their Field,"

Litigation: General Commercial, 2009-20

Florida Super Lawyers, "Top 25 Lawyers in Northeast Florida," 2018

Florida Super Lawyers, "Top 25 Lawyers in Jacksonville," 2019-20

Florida Super Lawyers, "Top 100 Lawyers in Florida," 2007, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2019

Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-20

Florida Trend, "Legal Elite," 2005-20; "Hall of Fame" since 2012