

JEFFREY M. WANK

Chair, First-Party Property and Insurance Coverage Division Fort Lauderdale, FL



OVERVIEW

Jeffrey Wank is Chair of First-Party Property and Insurance Coverage focusing his practice on first-party property insurance Defense, including coverage and bad faith litigation. Jeffrey also handles the defense of a wide array of third-party insurance defense claims.

Jeffrey assists insurers in all aspects of coverage disputes, including responses to civil remedy notices of insurer violations, pre-suit investigations and coverage evaluations, declaratory judgment and bad faith litigation. He defends property insurers throughout Florida in first-party coverage matters, where many of the claims involve sinkhole, windstorm, fire, mold, theft and water losses.

In addition, Jeffrey serves as coverage and bad faith counsel in third-party actions, including monitoring the defense of litigation. As part of this role, he is often asked to draft detailed coverage opinions, reservation of rights letters, declinations, and prosecute declaratory relief actions.

Jeffrey also has experience in handling complex civil and commercial matters, including the defense of personal injury, premises liability, employment discrimination, medical malpractice, nursing home liability, homeowner and condominium association claims, and construction defect cases.

Jeffrey has been named a Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star since 2014. In 2011, he was elected to the Broward Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors, where he served as Secretary on the organization's Executive Board and moved up to President in June 2015. Jeffrey was also named the Chair on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Service of Broward County & Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida for the 2019 term and previously served as the Vice Chair for the 2018 term.

Jeffrey earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Florida State University and went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRACTICE AREAS

- First-Party Property Insurance Defense
- National Flood Insurance Program Litigation
- Commercial Property

ADMISSIONS

• Florida

EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, J.D., 2009
- Florida State University, B.S., 2006

AWARDS

- Super Lawyers Magazine, Florida "Rising Stars," Insurance Coverage, 2015 2023
- South Florida Business Journal, 40 Under 40, 2022
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Insurance Law, 2021
- Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite, "Up and Comer," 2020, 2022

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 - South Florida Business and Wealth, "Up & Comer," Finalist, 2020
 - · Broward County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, Paul May Professionalism Award, 2018
 - South Florida Business & Wealth, "Up & Comer," 2018
 - Daily Business Review, "On the Rise," Honoree, 2018

ASSOCIATIONS

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, Member, 2022
- Broward County Bar Association, Member
 - County Court Insurance Practice Section, Co-Chair, 2023 2024
 - o Insurance Section, Executive Committee, 2021
 - · Young Lawyers Section, Past President, Board of Directors
- · Past Chair, Board of Directors, Legal Aid Service of Broward County & Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida
- Board of Directors, Federal Association for Insurance Reform (FAIR)

COMMUNITY

- Board of Directors, B'nai Brith Justice Unit
- Broward County Advocacy Awards & Reception Committee, Florida's Children First
- American Heart Association Broward County Young Professionals "PULSE"
- · Board of Directors, Secretary, Florida's Children First
- · Past Chair, Horizons Leadership Program, Jewish Federation of Broward County

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker: "First-Party Property Seminar", April 2023
- Speaker: "New Legislative Changes For First-Party Property," March 2023
- Speaker, "How to Build Your Practice," Broward County Bar Association, September 2022
- Speaker, "Florida Case Law Update," Windstorm Insurance Network Webinar Series, July 2022
- Speaker, "Windstorm Insurance Network-Case Law Webinar Series," July 2022
- Speaker, "Case Law Update and Impact on Loss Investigations," March 2022
- Speaker, "Case Law Update and Impact on Loss Investigations," February 2022
- Speaker, "Appraisal and ADR Options Under New First-party Reforms," January 2022
- Speaker, "Bad Faith Pitfalls and Handling EUP/SIU Pre-Suit Investigation," February 2022

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- Speaker, "Legislation on AOBs: House Bills 7065 & 337 and EUOs," February 2022
- Speaker, Handling Late Reported Hurricane Claims Webinar, January 2021
- Speaker, Handling Late Reported Hurricane Claims and Avoiding Bad Faith Claims Webinar, December 2020
- Panelist, How is the Market Falling Short in the Handling of CAT Claims and How Do We Improve?, CLM Southeast Conference, October 2019
- Speaker, Overview of New Legislation on AOBS House Bill 7065, June 19
- Panelist, Mentoring Session, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law
- Speaker, What Does the Jury Think?, May 2018
- Speaker, The Option to Repair, February 2017
- Panelist, The Option to Repair, Windstorm Insurance Conference, January 2017
- Speaker, Claims Handling, Practice Tips, and Law Update, December 2016
- Speaker, Law and Ethics Update, August 2016
- Moderator, Win the War When You've Lost the Battle, May 2016
- · Speaker, I Thought My Argument/Deposition Was Great; What Did the Judge Think? - A Perspective from the Bench, Broward County Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Boot Camp Series #2, March 2015
- Speaker, "What's in it for me?", Broward County Bar Association's Young Lawyer's CLE Luncheon, September 2019

MEDIA

- Quoted, "The Defense Case," Florida Trend, August 2023
- Quoted, "Bonanza for Insurance Litigators' as Hurricane Ian Estimated Property Losses Reach \$30 Billion", Daily Business Review, September 2022
- Featured, "South Florida's Young Successes- Meet the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022", South Florida Business Journal, July 2022
- Quoted, "Florida Property Market In 'Dire' Condition, Regulator Says", Law360, September 2021
- Quoted, "How Climate Change Is Heightening Hurricane Insurance Risk", Law360, August 2021
- · Quoted, "Amid Hiring Sprees, Two South Florida Law Firms Increase Young Lawyer Training", Daily Business Review, 2021
- Quoted, "Kelley Kronenberg Continues First-Party Expansion with New Training Program, More Hiring", Daily Business Review, June 2021
- Featured, "Up Close Jeffrey Wank", Business Insider, April 2021
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Duo Named Insurance Defense Chairs", Law360, March 2021
- Featured, "Movers and Influencers", Florida Trend, March 2021
- Featured, "People on the Move", Jacksonville Business Journal, March 2021
- Featured, "People on the Move", Orlando Business Journal, March 2021
- Featured, "People on the Move", South Florida Business Journal, March 2021
- Featured, "People on the Move", Tampa Bay Business Journal, March 2021

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- · Featured, "Attached Release Does Not Make a Proposal for Settlement Unenforceable", Lisa Miller & Associates Newsletter, March 2021
- Featured, "March 1, 2021 News and Notes", Florida Bar News, March 2021
- · Quoted, Lost Income Claim Disputes Evolve Further, Business Insurance, March 2021
- · Featured, "Jeffrey Wank Elected Secretary of Florida's Children First Board of Directors", NewsBreak, January 2021
- · Featured, "Jeffrey M. Wank Elected Secretary of Florida's Children First Board of Directors", Attorney at Law, January 2021
- · Featured, "Jeffrey Wank Elected Secretary of Florida's Children First Board of Directors", South Florida CityBizList, January 2021
- Featured, "The Up and Comers: Jeff Wank", South Florida Business and Wealth, October 2020
- Featured, "Legal Eagles", South Florida Business and Wealth, August 2020
- · Quoted, Florida Dive Shop Alleges Insurer Breach of Contract, Bad Faith in BI Denial Suit, Insurance Journal, April 2020
- Quoted, Travelers, Insured Law Firm Spar Over Civil Authority Business Income Loss Claim, Insurance Journal, April 2020
- · Featured, "Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Attorney at Law Magazine, June 13, 2019
- Featured, "Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Sun-Sentinel, June 13, 2019
- Featured, "Eight Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2019 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Tampa Bay Newswire, June 14, 2019
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Board Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", Legal Learning Series, March 6, 2019
- Featured, "People on the Move, Sun-Sentinel", February 24, 2019
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Board Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", Sun-Sentinel, February 8, 2019
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey Wank Named Legal Aid Programs South Florida Board Chair", Attorney at Law Magazine, February 8, 2019
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Board Chair of Legal Aid Programs", CityBizList, February 8, 2019
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Recognized as Daily Business Review On the Rise Honoree", Legal Learning Series, July 1, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Recognized as Daily Business Review On the Rise Honoree", Sun-Sentinel, June 27, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Recognized as Daily Business Review On the Rise Honoree", Attorney at Law Magazine, June 26, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Recognized as Daily Business Review On the Rise Honoree", CityBizList South Florida, June 25, 2018
- Featured, Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine, Tampa Free Press, June 23, 2108
- Featured, "Four Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Sun-Sentinel, June 21, 2108
- Featured, "Four Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Tampa Bay Newswire, June 20, 2108
- Featured, "Four Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2018 Florida Super

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Lawyers Magazine", Attorney at Law Magazine, June 19, 2108

- Featured, "Four Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", CityBizList South Florida, June 19, 2108
- Featured, "On the Rise Profile", Daily Business Review, May 7, 2018
- Featured, "Legal Aid Programs in Broward Host 8th Annual Bridge to Justice Breakfast Featuring Susan Eisenhower", Attorney at Law Magazine, May 4, 2018
- Featured, "News and Notes, Florida Bar News", April 15, 2018
- Featured, "Three Kelley Kronenberg Firm Members Installed on the Board of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit", Legal Learning Series, March 19, 2018
- Featured, "Three Kelley Kronenberg Firm Members Installed on the Board of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit", Sun-Sentinel, March 15, 2018
- · Featured, "Three Kelley Kronenberg Firm Members Installed on the Board of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit", Attorney at Law Magazine, March 15, 2018
- Featured, "Three Kelley Kronenberg Firm Members Installed on the Board of the B'nai B'rith Justice Unit", CityBizList South Florida, March 14, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Vice Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", Sun-Sentinel, March 4, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Vice Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", Legal Learning Series, February 26, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Vice Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", Attorney at Law Magazine, February 26, 2018
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Named Vice Chair of Legal Aid Programs in South Florida", CityBizList South Florida, February 21, 2018
- Featured, "Giving Guide 2017, South Florida Business Journal", November 16, 2017
- Featured, "Jeffrey Wank Selected to the 2017 Florida Rising Stars List", Sun-Sentinel. June 28, 2017
- Featured, "Five Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2017 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Tampa Bay Newswire, June 23, 2017
- Featured, "Five Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2017 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", CityBizList South Florida, June 22, 2017
- Featured, "Five Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2017 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Attorney at Law Magazine, June 22, 2017
- Featured, "Five Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2017 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Kelley Kronenberg, June 16, 2017
- Featured, "News and Notes, Florida Bar News", December 15, 2016
- Featured, "People on the Move", South Florida Business Journal, October 24,
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Appointed to Legal Aid Board of Directors", Attorney At Law Magazine, October 13, 2016
- Featured, "People on the Move", South Florida Business Journal, October 13, 2016
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Appointed to Legal Aid Board of Directors", Legal Learning Series, October 12, 2016
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Partner Jeffrey M. Wank Appointed to Legal Aid Board of Directors", CityBizList South Florida, October 12, 2016
- · Featured, "Seven Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2016 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Legal Learning Series, June 24, 2016

- Featured, "People on the Move", Sun-Sentinel, June 16, 2016
- Featured, "Seven Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2016 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Tampa Bay Newswire, June 11, 2016
- Featured, "Seven Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2016 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", Attorney at Law Magazine, June 10, 2016
- Featured, "People on the Move", South Florida Business Journal, June 9, 2016
- Featured, "Seven Kelley Kronenberg Lawyers Listed in the 2016 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine", CityBizList South Florida, June 9, 2016
- Featured, "Movers", Miami Herald, May 23, 2016
- Featured, "People on the Move", Sun-Sentinel, May 17, 2016
- Featured, "Jeffrey M. Wank Joins Kelley Kronenberg as Partner in Fort Lauderdale Office", Legal Learning Series, May 17, 2016
- · Featured, "Jeffrey M. Wank Joins Kelley Kronenberg as Partner in Fort Lauderdale Office", Attorney at Law Magazine, May 17, 2016
- · Featured, "Jeffrey M. Wank Joins Kelley Kronenberg as Partner in Fort Lauderdale Office", CityBizList South Florida, April 28, 2016
- Featured, "On the Move", Florida Bar News, May 15, 2016
- Featured, "Woman Calls Christina After Condo Sustains Mold Damage Caused By Neighbor's Leak", Local 10 News, April 13, 2016

Publications

- Author, "Could social inflation trends push insurers to the brink in Florida?", Insider Engage, March 2021
- · Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Practicing with Professionalism", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, May 2016
- Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: New Opportunities", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, April 2016
- Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Social Media Pitfalls", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, February 2016
- · Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Young Lawyers Section Highlights from 2015", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, January 2016
- · Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Finding the Ideal Work-Life Balance", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, December 2015
- Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: The Rainmaker", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, November 2015
- · Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Community Involvement", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, October 2015
- · Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Getting Involved and Impacting the Community", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, August
- Author, "Letter From the Young Lawyers' President: Introduction from the President of the Young Lawyers Section", Broward County Bar Association Barrister, July 2015
- · Author, "Bill Would Change How Mitigation Companies Do Business," Daily Business Review, March 3, 2015

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- Kelley Kronenberg Secures More Than \$100,000.00 In Defense Fees And Costs, December 2022
- Kelley Kronenberg Prevails On Appeal, Upholding Dismissal Of Claim Based On Invalid AOB, September 2022
- KK Prevails on Motion for Summary Final Judgment for First Protective Insurance Company, August 2022