



OVERVIEW

Derek O. Goldsmith is a Partner and Business Unit Leader at Kelley Kronenberg, focusing his practice on first-party property insurance defense.

Derek represents insurance carriers in all aspects of homeowner coverage disputes, including pre-litigation claim investigations and litigation defense.

Derek started his career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, where he served as first chair in numerous felony jury trials to verdict involving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-degree felonies. Following his years at the State Attorney's office, Derek gained experience practicing first-party property insurance defense, commercial and business litigation.

Derek earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus in Economics from the University of Florida. He then pursued his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law.

Derek received the Florida Rising Stars award for 2018 – 2021.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRACTICE AREAS

- First-Party Property Insurance Defense

ADMISSIONS

- Florida

EDUCATION

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 2011
- University of Florida, B.S., 2008

ASSOCIATIONS

- Broward County Bar Association, Member

AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers* magazine, Florida "Rising Stars," Insurance Coverage, 2018 – 2021

MEDIA

- Quoted, "Questions Aplenty in Florida Condo Collapse", *Business Insurance*, July 2021
- Quoted, "Citizens Immune from Bad Faith, Not Liable for Non-Contractual Damages: Court," *Insurance Journal*, January 2021
- Quoted, "Fla. Justices Close Extra Damages Avenue For Policyholders", *Law360*,

January 2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

- Speaker: "Handling Late Reported Hurricane Claims and Avoiding Bad Faith," March 2024
 - Speaker: "Bad Faith and Handling EUO/SIU Pre-Suit Investigations & Successfully Planning and Preparing for Trial", November 2022
 - Speaker, "Legislation on AOBs: House Bills 7065 & 337 and EUOs," February 2022
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CASE VICTORIES

- Kelley Kronenberg Secures More Than \$100,000.00 In Defense Fees And Costs, December 2022
- KK Prevails on Motion for Summary Final Judgment for First Protective Insurance Company, August 2022