



## PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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### DISTINGUISHED LEADERS



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**What is the one word people use to describe you?** Professional

**What is your favorite thing about being in the legal profession?** The ability to work with outstanding intelligent young lawyers.

**What would you like to get rid of or stop doing in the legal profession?** Lack of civility by litigators who think being aggressive is the same as being effective — it isn't.

**What is your No. 1 survival tip in a work crisis?** What Colin Powell once said: Sleep on the problem, and it will be more solvable in the morning.

**What do you think you are better at than others?** I am a pretty good golfer, but leaving that aside, I believe my years of experience in academic debate equip me to organize and deliver effective oral arguments under time pressure.

**What has been the most significant change in the legal profession in the past 10 years?** Litigation finance.

**What has 2020 taught you?** There is an old proverb — men plan and God laughs. The coronavirus pandemic has shown us that we are all fragile creatures before nature.

**What advice do you have for aspiring legal professionals?** Work for the long haul, learn the craft of being an excellent lawyer, and realize you never stop learning as a lawyer.

**Knowing what you know now, what would you tell your young self when you were graduating?** An important part of being a successful lawyer is developing business — I learned that, but only about a decade after practicing law.

**What are you most proud of achieving in your career?** Representing 2 million Florida children on Medicaid in a 10-year federal court suit that resulted in securing children better access to medical and dental care.