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EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2012

Trial Team

Leadership Development Certificate

Flagler College, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Grant R. Gillenwater was part of the trial team that obtained one of the largest motor vehicle verdicts in the state of Pennsylvania, topping $29M.

Grant R. Gillenwater is a Senior National Trial Partner at Morgan & Morgan, who tries cases across the country. Grant's practice is solely devoted to trying cases. Mr. Gillenwater handles a wide spectrum of cases from catastrophic automobile and trucking accidents, traumatic brain injuries, wrongful deaths, premises liability and negligent security. In 2024 alone, he tried a record 37 civil jury trials, turning $6.8M in pre-trial offers into verdicts and mid-trial settlements totaling more than $69M. Grant holds the record for most catastrophic injury trials tried in one year in the United States.

With over 100 civil jury trials to his credit, his verdicts combined exceed a quarter billion dollars. In that time he has obtained the top highest 100 verdicts in Florida, Pennsylvania and New York.

In 2025, Grant obtained a verdict of $100,000,000.00 in Miami for a wrongful death. Earlier in the same year, he obtained a verdict of $7.6M for a wrongful death in the United States Virgin Islands, a $6.2M verdict for a spinal cord injury in Pasco County, FL., a $6.1M verdict for a spinal cord injury in Orlando, FL. and a $4.8M verdict for a crush injury in Naples, FL.

Grant was part of the trial team that obtained one of the largest motor vehicle verdicts in the state of Pennsylvania, topping $29M. He has obtained 7 digit verdicts against all the major auto insurance carriers, the largest premises liability verdict in Rockland County, New York; an $8M verdict against SeaWorld Parks in Florida, a $12M verdict against a negligent landscaping company outside of Orlando, Fl; and one of the largest verdicts for an auto case in the city of Boston to be rendered in the last decade.

Grant was born in Chicago and raised in Rockford, Illinois. He completed his undergraduate degree at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida and obtained his Juris Doctor at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida. Mr. Gillenwater has been awarded the Victor O. Wehle Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, has been inducted into the Order of Barristers, has been recognized by the Florida Super Lawyers Magazine for the last 9 years in a row. In 2025 he was



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awarded a Rising Star of the Plaintiff's Bar by The National Law Journal. He was also honored by Lawdragon with inclusion in the 500x National Guide.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Gillenwater sits as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Economics Opportunities Council of Indian River County, which aims to transition at risk individual and families from property to self-sufficiency. He is benefactor of the Brevard Symphony Orchestra and sponsors the yearly 4th of July concert which he provides for free for over 10,000 residents.

BAR ADMISSION

- All Florida State Courts
- Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Justice Association, Eagle Member
- The Order of Barristers
- Florida Justice Association
- American Association for Justice
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Brevard County Bar Association
- Indian River County Bar Association
- Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River County
  - Board of Directors

PRACTICE AREAS



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- Slip and Fall Lawyers
- Dog Bite Lawyer
- Premises Liability Lawyer
- Negligent Security Attorneys
- Personal Injury Lawyer
- Wrongful Death Attorneys

RESULTS

- Valerie Cooper vs. Danielle White and State Farm Mutual Insurance Company, Car Accident (2019), $62,000
- Linda E. Bergen vs. Ted Landgraff, Car Accident (2018), $1,619,088
- Bango v. Herrera Cordova, Car Accident (2021), $1,012,393.93
- Sluder vs. Smith and Health First, Inc, Car Accident (2021), $750,000
- Jessica Brassard vs. Travelers Insurance, Car Accident (2021), $987,820.50
- Jarvis Bush vs. City Electric, Car Accident (2021), $2,005,664.32
- Gonzalez vs. Kipp Cooper and Classic Plumbing of Brevard LLC, Car Accident (2021), $897,760
- Ricardo Madrigal vs. City of Palm Bay, Car Accident (2021), $416,000
- Richardson, Melissa-Jo vs. City of Melbourne, Car Accident (2021), $1,300,000
- Timothy Rubin vs. Grills Riverside, Car Accident (2021), $305,493
- Manuel Vieira vs. Dennis Payne and Seal Tight Roofing Experts, LLC, Car Accident (2019), $4,624,467
- Richard Moronez v. Walmart Stores East, LP, Personal Injury (2021), $164,764.96
- Nicole Kylin vs. Grills Riverside , Car Accident (2021), $357,979
- Carolin Adams vs. Guy Halgren, Car Accident (2019), $297,000



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- Gordon, Vivian v. Jean Whittle, Car Accident (2022), $606,000
- Capezzuto, James vs. City of Orlando, Car Accident (2022), $734,145.18
- Dorothy Wynn v. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, Slip and Fall (2022), $1,000,000
- David Young vs Haley Ingram and Thomas Ingram, Car Accident (2023), $400,000.44
- Coreen DeMayo v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Car Accident (2023), $2,201,877.22
- Gabriel, Scott v. Rhonda Scofield and Sandra Burton, Car Accident (2023), $1,554,311.79
- Arah Gumbs v. Larry Roofner, Car Accident (2023), $735,595.99
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2023), $1,900,000
- Carroll, Michael v. Gillikin, Thomas, Slip and Fall (2023), $900,000
- Gaynor, Haley v. Saint Jean, Aldorf, Car Accident (2023), $774,367
- Shoulders, Melanie vs. Aponte, Diana, Car Accident (2023), $253,272.66
- Nolan, Matthew v. Louis Thomas Acernese, Car Accident (2023), $1,093,651
- Hudnall, Catherine v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Car Accident (2023), $4,500,000
- Jessica Brassard v. Travelers Property Casualty Company of America, Car Accident (2021), $987,000
- Andres Gonzalez vs. Erick Sanz and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Car Accident (2021), $742,000
- Woida, Joanne vs Evers Wood Products Inc. and Thomas, Rosetta, Car Accident (2023), $12,206,397.96
- Gordon, Vivian v. Jean Whittle, Car Accident (2022), $606,000
- Basciano, Anthony v. Reinaldo F. Vidales and Asplundh Tree Expert LLC., Car Accident (2023), $922,000
- Tanenbaum v. Tavikoli & Coastlife Services, LLC, Car Accident (2022), $524,012.02



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- Biricik, Cemran v. Dominick Porcelli, Car Accident (2024), $2,668,652.55
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- Wilson, Kyle vs. Christopher D. Dotson, Car Accident (2024), $727,502.50
- Domingo, Enrico v. Justice and United Private Car, Inc., Car Accident (2024), $1,750,000
- Pressley, Gail v. Janelle Galasso & PV Holding Corp, Car Accident (2024), $1,100,000
- Gail Pressley v Janelle K Galasso, Car Accident (2024), $1,100,000
- Kimberly Agee vs State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Car Accident (2024), $1,900,878.02
- Honan, Tracey, Dog Bite (2024), $650,000
- Rousseau, Richard vs Schaefer, Jane, Car Accident (2024), $500,000
- Ladkani, Theresa vs. Rowland, Kim, Car Accident (2024), $1,469,506.65
- Schmidt, Deborah v. John Baileys, Slip and Fall (2024), $3,000,000
- Omar Marrero v. Javier Alfaro, Car Accident (2024), $4,356,083
- Avraham, Ayala vs. Shaw, William, Car Accident (2024), $404,131.54
- Donnelly Jr., Patrick v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co, Car Accident (2024), $574,162.97
- Urban, Rachel vs. Rojas Machado, Emigido, Car Accident (2024), $4,478,991
- Lum, Randall v. Tammy Jester Johnson and Donnie Lee Johnson, Car Accident (2024), $2,144,511.16
- Mcilhargy, John v. Rockland County, Slip and Fall (2024), $2,417,000
- Macdonald, Ross Chandler vs Jonathan Sanchez & Towlando Towing & Recovery, Trucking Accident (2024), $6,500,000
- Dambaugh, Scott vs. Chavez, Elliot M & Naples M Automotive dba Naples Mazda, Car Accident (2024),



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- Abougamal, Asmaa v. SeaWorld Parks, Slip and Fall (2024), $8,154,350.75
- Heath J. Wilson v. JM Lapp Plumbing and Heating, Trucking Accident (2024), $29,045,285
- Cohen, Harvey vs. Penalver, Mario, Car Accident (2024), $1,150,000
- Lust, Debra vs. Garrison Property and Casualty, Car Accident (2025), $1,318,132
- Cheryl Dagostino v. Camille P. Mendoza Personal as Representative for the Estate of Paul V. Clemeno, Slip and Fall (2024), $1,150,000.02
- Estate of John Nigg v. Blue Water Construction, Wrongful Death (2025), $7,657,413.98
- King, Kelsey v. Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Slip and Fall (2025), $1,647,378.58
- Grant, Jonathan vs. Mariana Jr., Miguel, Trucking Accident (2025), $1,500,000
- James Feaster, Car Accident (2025), $6,100,000
- Brandy Crawford, Trucking Accident (2025), $6,274,532.95
- Brenda Blythe v. Parrott Island Bar & Grill, Slip and Fall (2025), $646,837.09
- Perilla, Olga vs Kevin Diaz, Trade Solutions LLC & Pronto Construction, Car Accident (2025), $1,533,000
- Ziegler, Christopher vs. Barlan, Margaret, Car Accident (2025), $2,250,000
- Rosvel Gonzalez v. AMF Metal Fab, LLC, General Liability (2025), $4,850,000
- Letasky v Bunaun, Car Accident (2025), $2,250,000
- Daphne Campbell v. Monte Carlo, et al, Negligent Security (2025), $100,000,000
- Alana Colon v Northeast Parts Group, LLC., Car Accident (2025), $825,000
- Cheryl Genovesi vs Townhouse Hotel, LLC, Slip and Fall (2025), $1,503,174.43
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2025), $4,500,000
- Lisa Lewis v Cemex, Car Accident (2025), $3,568,682



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- Lisa Lewis v. Cemex Construction Materials Florida, LLC and Trevor White, Car Accident (2025), $3,568,681.60
- Richard Lesh v. Robert Hines as Curator of the Estate of Henry Sonnabend and The Standard Fire Insurance Company, Car Accident (2025), $2,643,021.17
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2026), $1,400,000
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2026), $3,000,000
- Private Settlement, General Liability (2026), $700,000
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2026), $650,000
- Ether Hudnell, Car Accident (2026), $704,580.41
- Robinson, Marvin v. Thompson, Samuel, Car Accident (2026), $3,146,846.22
- Sethi v Lyft, Car Accident (2026), $4,667,549.06
- Private Settlement, Car Accident (2026), $5,000,000
- C. Harris v Bielecka and Hershorin Schiff, Car Accident (2026), $1,500,000
- Donald Budd v Geico, Car Accident (2026), $3,257,353.80
- Private Settlement, General Liability (2026), $625,000

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2027, in Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- The 2026 Lawdragon 500X-The Next Generation
- The 2025 Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation
- Super Lawyers Rising Star 2017 - 2026
- Victor O. Wehle Trial Advocacy Award
- 2011 Georgetown University WCCTC: Best Advocate
- 2005 Sinnissippi Audubon Society Person of the Year
- 2004 Illinois Park and Recreation Association Community Service Award

IN THEIR WORDS

"It was calculated, efficient, and exceptional. There's a reason why Grant gets these



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