



## W. David Jester | Director

The son of a career Navy man, W. David ("Dave") Jester learned to adapt to new environments while living all over the United States and abroad. It was during this time that Dave developed his intense work ethic and desire to be successful in life. Adopting Pensacola, Florida as his hometown, Dave returned to his roots when, in 1996, he was offered a position in the newly opened Gulf Breeze/Pensacola office of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith. He now serves as a Director and his practice includes general casualty defense litigation, worker's compensation, labor law and unfair labor practices, products liability, malpractice litigation, construction defect litigation and real property law. Dave has litigated for over 22 years and has represented General Contractors, employers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, nurses, nursing homes, product manufacturers, product distributors, specialty subcontractors, civil, electrical, mechanical and structural engineers as well as architects. He has defended multimillion dollar class action cases involving professional malpractice and has served as consulting counsel on class action litigation. He has argued appellate cases before various appeals courts in Florida and Alabama and served as an Umpire, Appraiser and Arbitrator in both states as well. As a result of excellence in his statewide practice in Florida, Dave was recently selected by his peers as one of Tampa's Top Lawyers.

Dave is admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in Florida and Alabama, and the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a current member of the Florida and Alabama State Bar Associations, the Escambia and Santa Rosa County Bar Associations and the Pensacola American Inn of Court. Dave is AV rated by his peers through Martindale-Hubbell.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Pensacola Area Flight Watch, a non-profit corporation dedicated to flight safety and other aviation issues in North Florida and South Alabama. He is a licensed general aviation pilot who uses his own aircraft to travel throughout Alabama and Florida for his practice. In his spare time, Dave enjoys his involvement with the Red Star Pilots Association and as a Member of the Red Dragons Aerial Demonstration Team where he serves as Lead Pilot. Dave is a published author and is a frequent lecturer on legal matters, including construction defect litigation, labor law, products liability and professional malpractice.

Dave received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Troy State University and his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Florida. While in law school, he was a member of the University of Florida Trial Team and participated in national trial competitions. He served honorably in the United States Army and was a Deputy Sheriff/Investigator in Escambia County, Florida before he began to practice law.

With his life experience as a background, Dave has a unique ability to empathize with the concerns faced by his clients in litigation and to attack the defense of those cases while keeping those concerns at the forefront. It is the skills developed before he became a lawyer that serve as a guide for his practice today and benefit those he has the pleasure to represent.

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### EDUCATION:

- University of Florida, J.D.
- Troy State University, B.S.

### BAR ADMISSIONS:

- All Florida State & Federal Courts
- All Alabama State and Federal Courts
- United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

### PRACTICE AREAS:

- Employer's Liability
- Construction
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Aviation Law
- Libel and Slander

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar Association
- Pensacola American Inn of Court



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