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William Handle is an associate in the Litigation Practice Group. William represents financial institutions, business owners, and individuals in a variety of federal and state civil matters, including complex commercial litigation, fraud claims, and disputes involving city, county and local government law. His clients depend on him to evaluate the impact of developing case law, as well as recently enacted legislation.

William routinely represents and advises financial institutions and other commercial lenders in loan enforcement actions and all areas of commercial litigation, including out-of-court restructurings, receiverships, real and personal property foreclosures, and asset sales under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Notable Work

Financial Institutions: Represents clients in numerous contested commercial foreclosures, collection actions, and lender liability claims.

Fraud: Successfully obtained a permanent injunction in federal court enjoining a corporation from fraudulently procuring and selling the property of a supply chain client.

Trade Secrets and Non-Compete: Represented an insurance broker and obtained an injunction against a former employee and their potential new employer to prevent the misappropriation of trade secrets, confidential information and client lists.

Government Litigation: Obtained a multimillion dollar judgment in a two week trial to enforce the terms of a contract between municipalities reversing millions of dollars in overcharges.

Intellectual Property: Successfully obtained numerous judgments in favor of a Florida university for breaches on contract involving intellectual property and patent rights.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
Commercial Loan Enforcement and Secured Financing Litigation
Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation
Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Financial Services
Distressed and Special Assets
Government Agency Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2017, cum laude
B.S., Towson University, 2013

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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Zoning: Successfully defended a large developer against a city in a special magistrate evidentiary proceeding and obtained an immediate dismissal of the litigation including all accrued fines.

Code Enforcement: Successfully defended a historic church condemned by city code enforcement in an evidentiary hearing and prevented the city from condemning the church and procured a stay of litigation to allow the church to rebuild while not accruing fines.

Related Professional Experience

- Judicial Extern to Justice Charles T. Canady, Florida Supreme Court, 2017
- Intern, Calvert County District Court, 2012
- Intern to the Honorable Charles Day, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 2011

Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association, Orlando Chapter, Member
- Orange County Bar Association, Member
- Chester Bedell Inns of Court, Past Associate Member
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Member, 2017-2022
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Light the Night Event, Past Executive Leadership Board Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2024-2025, Listed in Florida for Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Litigation, and Litigation - Banking and Finance as “Ones to Watch”