

# David C. Prather Information

## Biography

David C. Prather is a Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney who has earned the reputation of being the "Closer" in high-stakes cases that have resulted in multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements. Specializing in the areas of [personal injury](#), [medical malpractice](#), [wrongful death](#) and [auto negligence litigation](#), David has successfully argued and achieved several of the largest auto negligence verdicts and the largest non-surgical verdicts in the firm's history. His contributions as co-counsel to Nancy La Vista were instrumental in securing a \$35.2 million verdict on behalf of the family of a [brain-damaged](#) infant and an \$11.6 million verdict in a negligent credentialing surgery case.

Previously serving as both an assistant public defender and assistant state prosecutor, David has been litigating cases in Palm Beach County since 1990 and has taken a very active role in the legal and business communities, mentoring and helping to develop the next generation of professional and civic leaders. He has also assumed a strategic, guiding position within The Florida Bar, which oversees the legal profession statewide, serving as a Young Lawyer Board of Governor member and currently serving on The Florida Bar Board of Governors, as well as its Executive Committee.

David is currently running for [the President - Elect of The Florida Bar](#).

## Education

J.D., Rutgers University Law School, 1990

B.A., honors, Hunter College of the City University of New York, 1987

## Practice Areas

Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Accidents, Defective Products, Medical Malpractice

## Certifications / Specialties

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education

Board Certified Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

## Awards & Honors

Best Lawyers in America – Personal Injury Litigation

Trial Lawyer of the Year 2014 (West Palm Beach)

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated <sup>SM</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell®

Florida Trend magazine's Legal Elite - Civil Trial Law – Top 2 % of Lawyers

Florida Super Lawyers – Top 5 % of attorneys in Florida

South Florida Legal Guide – Top Lawyers for Personal Injury

ICABA – named one of South Florida's 100 most accomplished black professionals in law and healthcare

Wall Street Journal Top 100 Lawyers in Florida

Palm Beach County Bar Association: Young Lawyers Section 2014 'Friend of the Year' award

Board of Legal Specialization and Education (BLSE): Finalist for the Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 2013 and 2014

F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association's "President's Award" - 2015

## Bar Admissions

Florida Supreme Court

United States Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, North, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

## Professional Memberships

Florida Bar

Board of Governors (BOG)

Executive Committee (BOG)

Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

Trustee

Appointee to the Federal Judicial Nominating Committee (JNC) for the Southern District of Florida (2011 to present)

Federal Magistrate Selection Committee, Southern District of Florida

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Palm Beach County Bar Association, Board of Directors – Ex-Officio Member

Palm Beach County Justice Association, Past President

South Palm Beach County Bar Association

North Palm Beach County Bar Association

Florida Justice Association (FJA): Eagle member

National Bar Association (NBA): Virgil Hawkins Chapter

F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association: Board Advisor

Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)

Hispanic Bar Association (HBA)

Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL)

Palm Beach County Bar Professionalism Panel: 2013-2015

## Community Involvement

Appointee to the Federal Judicial Nominating Committee (JNC) for the Southern District of Florida

WPBT2 Public Television, member of the Board of Directors

Chairman of the Audit Committee

## Personal

David Prather lives in Jupiter, Fla., and has three children: Christopher, Taylor and Ashley. He is also very active in the South Florida legal and charitable communities