

## Ronald D. Edwards

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**Ronny Edwards** focuses his practice on complex business, banking, contract, and real property litigation. With an education that combines both accounting and law, he brings a valuable perspective to matters that require an understanding of financial statements, such as business transactions gone wrong, national and state banking matters, shareholder/partner disputes, fraudulent transfer claims and complex damages analyses.

Ronny understands that legal problems are first and foremost business problems and counsels clients from both a business and legal perspective before, during and after litigation. In those situations where a business solution is not achievable, Ronny's extensive courtroom experience allows him to aggressively and effectively represent his clients' interests.

In his practice, Ronny regularly represents national and state banks, developers, commercial landlords, business owners, franchisors and franchisees in a variety of litigation matters. He also has significant experience litigating dealer supply agreements and handling other issues in the fuel and convenience store industry, and with domesticating out-of-state and out-of-country judgments in the State of Florida. Other clients include professional athletes and professional sports organizations.

Ronny is an accomplished litigator who handles a broad variety of high-stakes cases at the trial and appellate levels throughout the State of Florida. He has served as lead trial counsel on bench trials, jury trials and arbitrations, and as lead appellate counsel in a number of appeals.

When he is not in the office, Ronny enjoys spending time with his wife and three children and squeezing in a game of golf.

### Experience

- Represented owner of a restaurant franchisor against a co-owner on a variety of claims, including derivative relief, fraudulent transfer, and other monetary and equitable claims.

### Practices & Industries

Litigation

Class Action Defense

Multifamily Housing

Banking & Finance

Cybersecurity & Privacy

### Admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

### Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., 2007
- University of Florida, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2004; Accounting

- Represented owner of a business against a co-owner and managing member on a variety of claims, including derivative relief, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Defended various banks on numerous occasions in state court, in federal court and in arbitration on a variety of claims involving bank operations, bank transfers and transactions, and account opening matters.
- Represented a group of prominent former NFL players in suing a bank for negligence in allowing accounts to be opened based on forged signatures in Federal Court that settled mid-trial.
- Represented fuel distribution companies in contract claims, including breach of dealer supply agreements.
- Represented numerous landlords in suits against tenants for eviction, breach of lease claims and breach of personal guaranty claims.
- Represented a national retail tenant in defending against a multi-million dollar breach of lease claim by its landlord.
- Represented developers in claims made by residents for breach of a declaration of covenants and in other claims relating to real property disputes.

## Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Commercial Litigation; Real Estate Law, 2024
- *Awesome Attorneys, Orlando Family Magazine*, 2023
- Rising Star, *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2015-2018
- Florida Legal Elite Up & Comer, *Florida Trend*, 2016-2017
- *Awesome Attorneys, Orlando Family Magazine*, Commercial and Civil Litigation, 2021

## Community Activities

- Foundation Academy, Board Chair
- Family Services of Metro Orlando, past Board of Directors
- Legal Aid Society, Guardian Ad Litem

## Professional Certifications & Memberships

- Sixth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission, 2022-2024
- Orange County Bar Association Business Law Committee, Past Chair
- The Florida Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association

## News

Best Lawyers Recognizes 49 Lowndes Attorneys in 2024, Three Named Lawyer of the Year  
08.17.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

14 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2023"  
02.21.2023 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Ronny Edwards Appointed to Sixth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission  
09.06.2022 | PRESS RELEASE

Community Connections: Ronny Edwards Discusses How City of Life Foundation Helps Foster Kids on Their Journey to Adulthood  
05.17.2021 | MEDIA MENTION

12 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2021"  
02.11.2021 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
06.18.2018 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Rated 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
06.01.2017 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Promoted To Shareholder In 2017  
02.01.2017 | FIRM NEWS

## Speaking Engagements

2020 Bench Bar Conference  
10.02.2020 | CONFERENCE

Four Lowndes Attorneys Speakers for OCBA Webinar on Landlord/Tenant Issues During COVID-19  
09.23.2020

Lowndes Webinar Series - Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis: Landlord/Tenant Issues  
04.16.2020 | WEBINAR