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Biography

Derek Goldsmith is a Partner and Business Unit Leader at Kelley Kronenberg, focusing his practice on **first-party property insurance defense**. Derek represents insurance carriers in all aspects of homeowner coverage disputes, including pre-litigation claim investigations and litigation defense.

Derek started his career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, where he served as first chair in numerous felony jury trials to verdict, prosecuting first-, second-, and third-degree felonies. Following his years at the State Attorney's office, Derek gained experience practicing first-party property insurance defense, commercial and business litigation.

Derek earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus in Economics from the University of Florida. He then obtained his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law.

Derek received the Super Lawyers magazine, Florida "Rising Stars," Insurance Coverage, award from 2018 – 2021.

Admissions

- Florida

Education

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 2011
- University of Florida, B.S., 2008

Industry Updates

- Broward County Bar Association, Member
- Quoted, "**Questions Aplenty in Florida Condo Collapse**", *Business Insurance*, July 2021
- Quoted, "**Citizens Immune from Bad Faith, Not Liable for Non-Contractual Damages: Court**," *Insurance Journal*, January 2021
- Quoted, "**Fla. Justices Close Extra Damages Avenue For Policyholders**", *Law360*, January 2021

- Speaker: "Handling Late Reported Hurricane Claims and Avoiding Bad Faith," March 2024
- Speaker: "Bad Faith and Handling EUO/SIU Pre-Suit Investigations & Successfully Planning and Preparing for Trial", November 2022
- Speaker, "Legislation on AOBs: House Bills 7065 & 337 and EUOs," February 2022

Representative Cases

- KK Secures Dismissal in Sarasota First-Party Property Insurance Case, June 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Full Defense Verdict for Anchor Property & Casualty Insurance Company, June 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Dismissal in First-Party Property Late Notice Case, May 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Dismissal of First-Party Property Case Arguing Lack of Standing, April 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Summary Final Judgment in Complex Insurance Case, September 2023
- Kelley Kronenberg Obtains Another Summary Judgment Against Repeat Plaintiff, Air Quality Assessors, February 2023
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures More Than \$100,000.00 In Defense Fees And Costs, December 2022
- KK Prevails on Motion for Summary Final Judgment for First Protective Insurance Company, August 2022

Awards

- *Super Lawyers* magazine, Florida "Rising Stars," Insurance Coverage, 2018 – 2021