



## Kenneth P. Abele

*Shareholder*

- ▶ Administrative Law
- ▶ Commercial Law
- ▶ Litigation
- ▶ Personal Injury

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### ■ *Admitted to Practice*

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- State of Florida, 2000
- All State Courts
- The Southern, Middle, and Northern United States Districts Courts of Florida
- State of Georgia, 2005
- All State Courts, including Court of Appeals and Georgia Supreme Court
- The Middle and Northern United States District Courts for Georgia
- United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

### ■ *Professional & Community Involvement*

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- Member, Tallahassee Bar Association
- Martindale Hubbell BV Rated (highest available for less than 10 years experience)
- 2011 Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite Designation
- 2011 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Star in General Litigation
- 2010 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Star in General Litigation
- 2009 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Star in General Litigation
- 2007 Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite Designation
- Co-Author "Letters of Protection: Practice Tips" for Florida Chiropractic Association Journal April – June 2009 Issue

### ■ *Education*

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- J.D., with honors, University of Florida, 1999
- B.A., University of Florida, 1994
- Phi Alpha Delta

## ■ *Extended Profile*

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Ken Abele practices civil litigation in Florida and Georgia. He has experience in a wide range of legal matters, including personal injury/wrongful death, collection matters, securities litigation, state licensure defense, product liability litigation, and landlord tenant issues, among others. He manages litigation in Florida and Georgia involving consumer collections for Capital City Bank, a regional bank with over seventy (70) banking offices. Additionally, Ken has represented a number of individuals involved in securities litigation, both on the defense and plaintiff sides. He has also provided product liability defense to several national appliance manufacturers throughout the State of Florida. Ken has represented several plaintiffs in wrongful death actions that resulted in seven figure settlements.

1. Cruz vs. Transit Group Transportation – represented a woman arrested and charged with causing a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of her husband and child, in a civil suit against a trucking company also involved in the accident. After several years of contentious litigation, the trucking company settled the case for \$1.25 million. The charges against the woman were dropped.
2. Hepburn vs. Maytag – successfully defended Maytag against allegations that its clothes dryer was defective. Plaintiff was partially paralyzed and partially blinded. Plaintiff sought over \$4 million in damages. The jury returned a verdict of no liability. The verdict was listed as one of the top twenty national defense verdicts by Verdict Search for the year 2003.
3. Federal Securities litigation – represented a group of elderly investors who were defrauded in a pay phone lease back scheme. Ultimately, Ken Abele recovered over \$1 million for his clients from various defendants.
4. Appellate Practice – Ken Abele has been able to have several adverse lower tribunal decisions reversed in reported appellate decisions, including the reversal of the imposition of a significant fine against a family owned assisted living facility.