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Charles P. Pillans, III received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida, where he was a member of Florida Blue Key. While in law school, he was executive editor of the Law Review and a member with his partner, John DeVault, of the moot court team. He graduated with honors and with an appointment to the Order of the Coif and a membership in Phi Beta Phi. Mr. Pillans joined the Bedell Firm in 1966. He then joined the State Attorney's Office in 1970 as a member of the Special Prosecution Unit to investigate and prosecute organized and other complex crimes, but returned to the Bedell Firm in 1972.



AREA OF PRACTICE

- Complex Civil Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense
- Estates and Trust Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida, 1967
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1971
- U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, and Middle Districts of Florida

HONORS & AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America
- The Best Lawyers in America (1993-present) in the following practice areas: Bet-the-Company Litigation | Commercial Litigation | Criminal Defense: White-Collar | Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Chambers USA, Leading Lawyers in Florida in General Commercial Litigation
- Florida Legal Elite
- Florida Super Lawyers (Florida Top 100: 2006-2008, 2011, 2012)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV
- Master of the Bench, Chester Bedell Inn of Court

EDUCATION

- University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida, 1966, J.D. (With Honors); Order of the Coif, Member of Moot Court Team; University of Florida Law Review, Executive Editor
- University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 1962, B.A.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Board of Bar Examiners, Member (1979-1985) Chairman (1984-1985)
- Florida First District Court of Appeal
Judicial Nominating Commission (1988-1992) Chairman (1992)
- The Florida Bar, Professional Ethics Committee
in Civil Cases (1995-2002) Chairman (2002)
- Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions (1999-2004)
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow (1985-present)
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Associate (2004-present)

PAST EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

- State Attorney's Office, Member, Special Prosecution Unit (1970-1972)

FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES

- Alpha Tau Omega • Phi Kappa Phi • Phi Beta Phi