



## Edward A. Lavant

### ASSOCIATE

#### EXPERIENCE

Edward A. Lavant represents regional and national retailers, multi-unit hotel operators, restaurant franchises and fitness center brands in a range of civil and commercial cases, including premises liability, negligent security, personal injury and product liability matters. He is engaged in all stages of litigation from defense strategy through resolution, including managing discovery, developing motions, trial briefs, attending court hearings, and arguing motions to compel arbitration. Edward draws on experience serving as staff counsel for a major American insurance provider where he focused on personal injury protection liability and auto negligence/bodily injury claims, conducting examinations under oath, depositions and mediations, drafting and filing motions, answers and settlement agreements, and preparing detailed reports for claims adjusters.

#### PRACTICES

Retail and Hospitality

#### INDUSTRIES

Retail and Hospitality

While pursuing his Juris Doctorate, Edward served as a law clerk intern for a leading national insurance company, drafting motions and complaints for supervising attorneys in the general liability and construction defect divisions and attending depositions, hearings and mediations to gain insight into insurance litigation. He also served as a federal judicial intern in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the Hon. Judge Monte Richardson, where he observed civil and criminal court proceedings and drafted bench memoranda to summarize the arguments of the parties in a case.

#### BACKGROUND

##### ADMISSIONS

- Florida

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#### EDUCATION

- Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University College of Law, J.D., 2022
  - Student Government Association, Law School Circuit Court, Associate Justice
  - Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, President
  - Armed Forces Student Organization, Secretary
  - Federal Bar Association, Student Division, Class Representative
  - Student Bar Association, Class Representative
  - National Black Law Students Association
- Florida State University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2018
  - Academic Honor Policy Hearing Panel
  - Action Shooting Team, Recruitment Officer

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Orange County Bar Association
- Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association
  - Young Lawyers Division, Programming Committee

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- Paul C. Perkins Bar Association

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- The Board of Adjustment, Seminole County Government
  - Appointed Board Member, 2025 to present
- Young Men of Excellence, Mentor and Volunteer, 2024 to present
- The Lavant Foundation, Inc., Director, 2025 to present
- Housing Law Peer Academy, Community Legal Services
- The Florida Prince Hall Affiliated Masons

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### TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Mediator (County), Florida Supreme Court
- Hospitality and Tourism Management Certificate, Florida Atlantic University
- Notary Public, Florida Department of State