

# DENNIS B. KEENE

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## Experience

### **Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, P.C.** 1999 - Present

*Associate Attorney* (June 1999 - August 31, 2002)

*Partner* (September 1, 2002 - Present)

- Personal Emphasis - Product Liability & Transportation

### **United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps** 1994-1999

*U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Officer Basic Course Training*

- Commandant's List (5% of graduating class)

*Criminal Defense Attorney/Managing Attorney*

- Served as lead counsel in more than fifty courts-martial for a variety of felony charges
- Represented over 450 clients in other criminal and administrative related actions to include officer and enlisted administrative separation boards, and nonjudicial punishment hearings
- Managed the Trial Defense Services Office at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia

*Prosecutor*

- Lead counsel in over 45 courts-martial, which resulted in an acquittal in only one case
- Primary legal advisor to two colonels, six lieutenant colonels, and more than twenty company commanders, with prosecutorial jurisdiction over 5,000 soldiers

*Administrative & Civil Law Attorney*

- Contract law attorney responsible for reviewing all government contracts and modifications
- Magistrate Judge for the Fort Stewart Military Traffic Tribunal

### **Law Clerk** 1992

*Commodity Futures Trading Commission Office of General Counsel*

- Researched numerous commodities trading issues and drafted a decision to an appeal from an Administrative Law Judge's ruling relating to a violation of the Commodities Exchange Act

## Education

### University of Miami School of Law

Miami, FL

J.D. 1993

- Graduated *Cum Laude*
- Articles and Comments Editor, University of Miami Business Law Journal
- Chair, Law Related Education Program

### Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY

B.A., *Economics* 1990

- Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa (top 5% of graduating class)
- Distinguished Military Graduate
- U.S. Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship Recipient
- General Meyer Leadership Award
- Honor roll, all semesters
- Syracuse 100 member - select individuals serve as diplomats/ liaisons to guests of the university
- Recipient of seven academic awards over four years through ROTC program
- Recipient of several university sponsored, academic-based scholarships
- Commissioned Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Field Artillery Regiment
- Selected by U.S. Army for its Educational Delay Program in order to attend law school

## Professional and Community

- *Who's Who in American Law*, 2005-2006 Edition
- Member, State Bar of Florida, since 1993
- Member, State Bar of Georgia, since 1999
- Member - Court of Appeals, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Northern and Southern Districts of Georgia; Supreme Court of Georgia; Supreme Court of Florida; Georgia Court of Appeals
- Defense Research Institute (DRI) - - Member, Product Liability Committee
- American Law Firm Association (ALFA) International; Steering Committee Member, Product Liability Practice Group and Transportation Law Practice Group
- Co-Editor-in-Chief and Co-creator, *Products Liability Perspectives*, a quarterly electronic newsletter published globally on select products liability-related issues
- State Bar of Georgia - - Member, Torts and Insurance Practice Section
- American Bar Association, Member, Product Liability Section
- Savannah Bar Association, Member
- Associate Member, Georgia Motor Truckers Association
- Member, Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee, Rules Subcommittee for Attorney- Coaches Subcommittee 1999 to present
- Member, Board of Directors, American Youth Baseball Association, Inc.
- Military Order of World Wars - - Member since 1999
- Knights of Columbus, Council 10866, Richmond Hill, GA
- Recipient of U.S. Army Commendation Medal & Army Achievement Medal

## Selected Publications and Presentations

- Presentation, Global Product Recalls, ALFA International, International Client Seminar, Palm Beach, CA, March 2007
- Chapter in treatise, Truck Accident Litigation, American Bar Association publication.
- Article, Loss Allocation In Light of the MCS-90 Endorsement: A Survey of Select Federal and State Case Law, *Transportation Update*, Fall 2005.
- Presentation, Best Practices to Prevent Lawsuits and Limit Your Trucking Company's Exposure, Georgia Motor Truckers Association, Sept. 15 2005.
- Presentation, Manufacturer's Liability Related to Optional Safety Devices, Presentation, Defense Research Institute Products Liability Conference, Younger Lawyers Seminar, Los Angeles, California February 2002.
- Subsequent Product Design Modifications, Warnings, Instructions and Label Changes, Material for presentation, ALFA International Product Liability Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 2000.
- Comment, Business Documents Obtained by a Federal Regulatory Agency Pursuant to Civil Discovery, Univ. Miami Business Law Journal, Vol. 100, pp.163-88 (1993).
- Article, Management: You Have The Right To Remain Silent and Preparing Your Employees for Government Investigations, two-part series featured in the Savannah Morning News, Business Exchange, Legal Viewpoint Column.
- Article, Knowing When You Are Responsible For A Defective Product , Savannah Morning New, Business Exchange, Legal Viewpoint Column.
- Presentation, The Risks & Benefits of Offering Optional Safety Devices, Presentation given at the annual National Products Liability Conference held by the Defense Research Institute, Spring 2002.
- Article, Serving Civil Process & Writs of Attachments on U.S. Army Installations, Florida Out-of-State Practitioners Newsletter, September 1995, pp. 4-5.
- Article, What You Should Know About Military Leave In The Workplace, Savannah Morning New, Business Exchange, Legal Viewpoint Column.

## **Recent Results (Select Court cases)**

- Pitts v. Fisher-Price, Inc., Represented toy manufacturer in product liability lawsuit resulting in ultimate dismissal with prejudice in favor of client.
- Smith v. Caterpillar, Inc., Plaintiff dismissed lawsuit on eve of summary judgment hearing in this product liability lawsuit alleging excessive carbon monoxide exposure.
- Glass-Cam v. SunTrust Bank, et. al. - Court granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment based on the ratification of Plaintiff's agents' conduct. The Georgia Court of Appeals affirmed the summary judgment.
- Myers v. Nutone, Inc., - Plaintiff convinced to voluntarily dismiss cause of action against manufacturer client in this products liability lawsuit after significant investigation into cause of fire that led to Plaintiff's injuries.
- Bays v. Prudential Residential Svcs. & Repsick v. Prudential Residential Svcs. - Court granted Summary Judgment as to the Defendant in each of these cases brought by homeowners against sellers of homes containing synthetic stucco siding (EIFS).
- Hunt v. Glamour Shots Licensing, Inc. - Plaintiff dismissed lawsuit with prejudice after I filed motion for summary judgment in this invasion of privacy lawsuit alleging my client, Glamour Shots, wrongfully appropriated the image of the Plaintiff's minor child.

## **Personal**

- Married to Leslie Cecil Keene; two children, Michael, 11 and Erin, 9
- Lived in Coastal Georgia since 1994
- Member, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Richmond Hill since 1994