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Robert W. Lang is a partner in Holland & Knight's Tampa office. Mr. Lang is a member of the firm's Private Wealth Services Section and actively participates in the section's Dispute Resolution Group. Mr. Lang's primary area of practice involves fiduciary dispute resolution and litigation affecting contested trusts and estates. Mr. Lang is experienced in Will and Trust contests as well as contested guardianship matters. Mr. Lang has been involved in some of the most sensitive and high-profile cases in his field. For example, Mr. Lang was admitted to appear *pro hac vice* in the New York County Surrogate's Court as a key member of the jury trial team propounding and defending the Will of Huguette Clark, in the matter of *The Estate of Huguette M. Clark*, File No. 1995 - 1375A. Mr. Lang has also previously been admitted to appear *pro hac vice* in Los Angeles, California, involving a breach of fiduciary duty action.

Mr. Lang is the co-chair for the Holland & Knight Mickey Rooney Elder Financial Abuse Pro Bono Project. Through this project, Mr. Lang provides legal services to elder adults to resolve damages caused by financial elder abuse. Mr. Lang provides pro bono assistance to those elder adults who would otherwise not have the financial ability to protect themselves.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Lang served as an assistant state attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida and also was a partner with a St. Petersburg law firm. Mr. Lang has obtained extensive jury and non-jury trial experience in both civil and criminal matters and has experience in real estate and title insurance litigation, as well as deals with general litigation matters.

Mr. Lang has served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law, where he has taught courses in Trial Advocacy and Florida Probate. Mr. Lang has also served as an instructor for the Mock Trial Team at Stetson University College of Law where he has led teams to multiple championships.

Mr. Lang is a life-long resident of St. Petersburg. He is a 2002 alumnus of Leadership St. Pete, and president of the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg, the official ambassadors for the city.

Honors & Awards

- » Holland & Knight Public and Charitable Service All-Star, 2014
- » Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* magazine, 2013
- » Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

Speaking Engagements

- » Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital 19th Annual Estate, Tax, Legal and Financial Planning Seminar, Recognizing and Preventing Financial Abuse of the Elderly, including the Regional FAST Program, February 9, 2017
- » Holland & Knight 2016 Wealth Conference in California, Financial Elder Abuse – Crime of the 21st Century, September 28, 2016
- » Elder Financial Abuse: Issues and Relief in Florida, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Estate and Tax Planning Seminars, June 9-10, 2016
- » 50th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, January 11-15, 2016
- » Powers of Attorney - What to Look For? Chapter 709, Florida Statutes, Stetson Law School Video Training Module, 2015
- » Elder Dignity v. Undue Influence - Where's the Line?, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Annual Conference, May 16, 2015
- » Holland & Knight Mickey Rooney Elder Abuse Pro Bono Project, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event, June 14, 2013
- » Elder Financial Abuse, Collier County Bar Association Annual Estate Planning Symposium, Naples, Fla., February 15, 2013
- » Real Estate Litigation, Basic Real Estate CLE, The Florida Bar seminar, October 2008
- » Estate Planning in the Face of Litigation: Current Dilemmas and Malpractice Traps, Holland & Knight Webinar, August 13, 2008
- » Bounding into the Briar Patch: Issues Facing Attorneys and Fiduciaries Related to Chapter 736 and Recent Case Law, St. Pete Bar Association Probate and Guardianship Section seminar, November 2007

Memberships

- » American Bar Association
- » American Bar Association - Litigation Section, Real Estate Litigation Committee Webpage Editor
- » The Florida Bar
- » The Florida Bar, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Real Estate Litigation Committee
- » The Florida Bar, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Probate and Trust Litigation Committee
- » Tampa Bay Estate Planning Council
- » St Petersburg Suncoasters President 2014-present
- » Suncoast Estate Planning Council

Education

- » University of Florida, B.A.
- » Stetson University College of Law, J.D.

Bar Admissions

- » Florida

Court Admissions

- » All State Courts in Florida

- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
 - » U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
 - » U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
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