

BRUCE A. CRANNER, ESQ.

**PERSONAL
INFORMATION**

Birth Date: July 19, 1958, San Francisco

ADMISSIONS

Louisiana, 1983, Bar No. 1796; Texas, 2006, Bar No. 24054506
Supreme Court of the United States of America, 1987
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 1984
United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, 1987
United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 1987
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2004

EDUCATION

Tulane Law School

J.D., May 1983

Senior Trial Competition, Finalist

Junior Trial Competition, Semi-Finalist

Tulane Law Summer School, Greece, 1981

Admiralty and Public International Law

Tulane University, College of Arts and Sciences

B.A., May 1980

Major: English

EMPLOYMENT

Present

MILLING BENSON WOODWARD, L.L.P.

63031 Capital Trace Row

Mandeville, LA 70471

(985) 292 – 2000

Partner

Very active trial, appellate, and mediation defense practice in medical liability, product liability, asbestos, and general insurance cases. This includes trials involving Cardiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pain Management, Orthopedics, and toxic substance exposure. Commercial litigation practice defending healthcare providers and includes non-compete disputes, licensure matters and business disputes.

2015 – 2023

TALLEY, ANTHONY, HUGHES & KNIGHT, L.L.C.

2250 7th Street

Mandeville, La. 70471

(985) 624-5306

Partner

Very active trial, appellate and mediation practice in medical liability, professional liability and insurance/general casualty litigation, architects and engineers' liability; recreational products liability, medical products liability, long-term care litigation and commercial and bankruptcy matters and Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance Consulting and defense of claims. Representative clients include products manufacturers, many major national

professional and medical liability insurers and hospital corporations, major general casualty insurance companies and self-insured professionals.

- 1998 – 2015 **FRILOT L.L.C.**
1100 Poydras Street, 37th Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70163
(504) 599-8069
Partner
Very active trial, appellate and mediation practice in medical liability, professional liability, and insurance/general casualty litigation; recreational products liability, medical products liability, long-term care litigation and commercial and bankruptcy matters and Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance Consulting and defense of claims.
- 1991-1998 **BLUE WILLIAMS, L.L.P.**
3421 N. Causeway Boulevard, 9th Floor
Metairie, Louisiana 70002
(504) 831-4091
Partner
Areas of practice included the representation of defense and insurance interests in personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, environmental litigation, and copyright litigation.
- 1986-1991 **MARTZELL, THOMAS & BICKFORD**
338 Lafayette Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
Associate Attorney in a highly respected plaintiff's litigation firm.
Areas of practice included land and maritime personal injury, medical malpractice, toxic torts, products liability, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, oil & gas litigation, and mass tort litigation (Class Actions). Served as Assistant Special Counsel, New Orleans City Council, 1987-1988, (Sales Tax Investigation)
- 1983-1986 **RYAN & WILLEFORD**
541 Julia Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
Associate Attorney with a small law firm in general trial practice.
Managed many active files including personal injury, medical malpractice, commercial and bankruptcy cases. Served as Assistant Special Counsel to the Louisiana State Judiciary Commission, 1983-1984.

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

Louisiana State Bar Association (Diversity Committee, 2009-2011)
State Bar of Texas
DRI 2005-2007 Chair, Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee.

DRI Board Member 2008 – 2011
DRI Medicare Secondary Payer Task Force, Chair 2012-2014
DRI Chair, Partnering with Industry Task Force
DRI Law Institute 2014-2015
National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE), Board Member 2010-2014
Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Former Member
Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), Legal Task Force Member
Moderator of the SFIA Litigation and Risk Management Summit
Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC) Former Member
LADC Board Member 2022-2025.
Louisiana Medical Disclosure Panel (*Defense representative appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards, 2023*)

**ACADEMIC
TEACHING**

Tulane Law School, Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy Faculty (Spring 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002); LADC TRIAL ADVOCACY BOOTCAMP, Faculty, 2022 and 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

Cattie, et al, DRI Defense Practitioners Guide to Medicare Secondary Payer Issues 3d. (DRI 2015) [Co-Author and Contributing Editor]; Contributing Editor, *Knack, et al*, HIPPA Best Practices for Defense Lawyers, DRI, 2005

Woodward, et al. Louisiana Trial Procedure (West 1997) [Chapter 11 “Motions at Trial”] chapter author.

MEDIATION

American Arbitration Association, *Essential Mediation Skills for the New Mediator* (December 3-7, 2012).

**AWARDS
AND
HONORS**

AV Preeminent; Louisiana *Superlawyer*; *Who’s Who Legal*: (Product Defence); *Best Lawyers in America*, (Product Liability Defense).

AVIATION

FAA licensed “Private Pilot.”