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David O. Batista is a Partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Insurance Practice Group.

David is an accomplished trial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience in complex commercial litigation, including insurance (with a focus on liability and property insurance), business torts, construction, financial services, corporate, shareholder and partnership disputes, and products liability cases. He has served as lead trial counsel in high-damage federal and state jury trials and arbitrations. David is well regarded for implementing winning strategies that are both cost-effective and aligned with his client's business interests.

Practice Areas

Insurance

Litigation

Class Action

Construction

Corporate

Financial Services

Industry Focus

Insurance

Accolades

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2013-2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

David O. Batista

- Listed, *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, "Top Lawyer," 2022
- Team Member, *The American Lawyer's* "Products Liability Litigation Department of the Year," 2018
- Team Member, *S. News – Best Lawyers*, Best Law Firms Edition, "Law Firm of the Year," Real Estate – Litigation, 2017
- Team Member, *Law360* "Product Liability Practice Group of the Year," 2011
- Listed, *Super Lawyer Magazine, Florida Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2009, 2011

Education

- Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1997
 - Harold H. & Marion T. Gordon Scholarship Award
 - Dean's List (1995-1997)
 - Moot Court Board Member
- Florida International University, B.B.A., Finance, 1993

Bar Admissions

Florida

Michigan

Court Admissions

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

Languages

Spanish

Professional and Civic

- Member, Leadership Broward, Class XXVI
- Member, Emerge Broward
- Member, American Bar Association

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- Member, Broward County Bar Association

Presentations

- Speaker, "Best Practices for Good Claims Handling," Ascendant Insurance Solutions, Coral Gables, FL (October 19, 2016)
- Speaker, "2010, An Opinion Odyssey: The Year In Title Insurance Case Law," Florida Land Title Association Claims Avoidance Roundtable, St. Petersburg, FL (April 14, 2010)
- Speaker, "An Approach To Title Insurance Claims," Fidelity Financial Group, Omaha, Nebraska (July 28, 2009)
- Speaker, "Bad Faith Preventative Measures," Assurant Solutions, Miami, FL (June 18, 2009)
- Speaker, "Don't These Judges Ever Stop Writing? This Year's Case Update," Florida Land Title Association, Orlando, FL (April 22, 2009)

Publications

- Co-Author, "2010 – An Opinion Odyssey: The Year in Title Insurance Case Law," paper presented to Florida Land Title Association (April 14, 2010)
- Co-Author, "Don't These Judges Ever Stop Writing? This Year's Case Update on Title Insurance, Real Property and Commercial Cases," paper presented to Florida Land Title Association (April 22, 2009)
- "Issuer Wins \$1.8 Million in Farm Stores Case," Daily Business Review (December 8, 2015)