



# CHANCE C. ARIAS

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Trucking & Transportation

### EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, J.D.
- University of Florida, B.S.B.A. Finance. Minor in Entrepreneurship

### ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar, State of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Litigation American Inn of Court (2021-2023)

## Overview And Experience

Chance C. Arias is a Partner at Alvarez, Thompson & Smoak, P.A., and uses his invaluable courtroom experience for the benefit of national and international corporations and insurance carriers. Chance has focused his practice on complex civil litigation cases, involving personal injury, wrongful death and general insurance defense, with a focus on commercial transportation defense and commercial premises litigation.

Chance is a fourth-generation Tampa native and proud graduate of Jesuit High School. Chance went on to receive his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

Mr. Arias began his legal career as a prosecutor in Hillsborough County. During his time as a prosecutor, he was tasked with resolving a wide variety of felony and misdemeanor cases, which included attempted homicide, drug trafficking, armed robbery, and other serious crimes against people and property. In this capacity, Chance refined his courtroom prowess with a string of successful trial verdicts and he brought his trial experience over to the civil litigation arena.

Chance has extensive experience representing commercial carriers and a wide range of transportation litigation, to include catastrophic and complex multi-party collisions involving tractor-trailers, tow trucks, bus lines, and other commercial vehicles. He is part of the Firm's 24-hour Commercial Transportation Emergency Response Team.

Chance also has considerable experience representing shopping centers, restaurants, nightclubs, retail establishments and other premises owners in litigation arising from all aspects of premises liability.

Chance is part of the team of lawyers who are responsible for taking cases arising from the type of claims referenced above, to trial on behalf of the Firm's clients. He also has experience handling a wide variety of business litigation, including Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act ("FDUTPA"), and Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act ("FCCPA").

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