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Todd Romano is an attorney at the law firm of Florida Auto Law in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he maintains a practice in the areas of Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Interstate/Intrastate Trucking and Bus Litigation, Commercial Motor Vehicle Crashes, Motor Vehicle Crash Claims, Pedestrian Injury Claims, Vehicle and Truck Burn/Explosion Injury Litigation, and Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation.

Mr. Romano received his B.A. degree in Sociology from the University of Iowa in May of 1995. Mr. Romano then enrolled in post-graduate studies in Psychology while completing his final season as a scholarship student-athlete (place-kicker and punter) on the Iowa Football Team, where he played for the legendary college football coach, Hayden Fry, and he ended his career after the 1995 season in 18th place on the all-time Iowa Hawkeyes scoring list as of his final game. Mr. Romano then enrolled at the Stetson University College of Law in the fall of 1996, and he received his J.D. degree from Stetson in May of 1999. After earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the summer of 1998, Mr. Romano then began his active duty tour in the U.S. Marine Corps in the fall of 1999.

Upon successful completion of the U.S. Marine Corps' Basic Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia in June of 2000, and the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island in October of 2000, Mr. Romano reported to his duty station at Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as a Judge Advocate. Mr. Romano began his Marine Corps legal career as a Civil Law Attorney, where he conducted and oversaw criminal and civil investigations, drafted policy and

opinion letters on government ethics and standards of conduct, and conducted legal review of requests for information under the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Romano was then appointed as the Head of the Claims and Investigations Section of the Civil Law Office, where he conducted, reviewed and oversaw various criminal and civil investigations, as well as claims brought by and against the United States and the U.S. Marine Corps under various Federal Claims Acts, including the Federal Tort Claims Act. Mr. Romano was then designated to serve as a Trial Counsel (prosecutor) where he prosecuted a wide variety of over 120 criminal cases under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps on July 1, 2003, Mr. Romano returned to Florida and joined Romano, Eriksen & Cronin, which became Romano Law Group in May of 2007.

Mr. Romano is a member of the American Association for Justice (formerly ATLA), and he is an *EAGLE* member of The Florida Justice Association (formerly The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers). Mr. Romano is also a member of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (former President), The National Trial Lawyers where he served as the president of the organization's Top 40 Under 40 and is honored as one of the organization's Top 10 Trucking Attorneys, and the Palm Beach County Justice Association. He is admitted to the Florida Bar, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle District and the Southern District of Florida, and to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Romano lives in Royal Palm Beach with his wife, Sarah, their daughters, Ava and Mae and their son, Will.

Education, Training and Experience

- University of Iowa, B.A. degree in sociology, May 1995
- Stetson University College of Law, J.D. degree, May 1999
- Naval Justice School, October 2000
- United States Marine Corps, Active Duty, 1999 – 2003

Bar Admissions

- Florida Bar, 1999
- Navy/Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, 2000 - 2007
- Supreme Court of the United States of America, June 2005
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, May 2006
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, October 2007

Professional Memberships

- American Association of Justice
- Florida Justice Association, *EAGLE* member
- Southern Trial Lawyers Association
- Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (President, 2012)
- Palm Beach County Justice Association
- The National Trial Lawyers (former president Top 40 Under 40; Listed as a Top 10 Trucking Attorney)

Lectures/Presentations

- “City Traffic Control Device Engineers and Technicians – Working With Them During the Investigation Phase of the Case; Listing Them as an ‘Expert’ or a ‘Fact’ Witness and Why; Direct and Cross-Examination in Depositions and at Trial; Effective Use of Demonstrative Aids With City Traffic Engineers and Much More”* – Professional Education Systems Institute (PESI) Absolute Litigators Conference XII; Las Vegas, Nevada, March 26, 2007.
- “Litigating ‘Non-Compete Agreement’ Cases”* - Professional Education Systems Institute (PESI) Absolute Business Tort Litigators Conference I; Las Vegas, Nevada, March 28, 2007.
- “How to Make Every Deposition a Winner” (Joint presentation with John F. Romano)* – Iowa Trial Lawyers Association 2007 Annual Convention; Des Moines, Iowa, November 8, 2007.
- “Winning Creative Pretrial Motions - How They Work and Why They Work”* – 360 Advocacy Institute’s “Personal Injury Litigators Summit 2008;” Las Vegas, Nevada, May 8, 2008.
- “Innocent Intent” or “No Good Deed Goes Unpunished” – How Six Trial Lawyers Were Disbarred or Suspended While Doing What Each Thought Was Ethical at the Time”* – 360 Advocacy Institute’s “Personal Injury Litigators Summit 2008;” Las Vegas, Nevada, May 10, 2008.
- “Strategies & Techniques in Conducting Direct Examination of Surviving Family Members”- Torts Made Perfect & 360 Advocacy Institute’s “Keeping Ahead of the Paradigm Shift;”* Las Vegas, Nevada, October 15-16, 2009
- “Debunking the Trucking Companies’ “Wear the White Hat” Defenses & Positions” (co-presented with Eric Romano)-* Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA) - “Trucking Tuesdays” Webcast, April 20, 2010
- “The Seven Deadly Sins of Presenting Life-Care Plans” – Southern Trial Lawyers Annual Convention; New Orleans, Louisiana, March 3-4, 2011*
- “Putting Your Best Foot Forward: The Persuasive Opening Statement in 18-Wheeler “Big-Rig” Trucking Cases”* – Torts Made Perfect/Mass Torts Made Perfect; Las Vegas, Nevada, April 14-15, 2011
- “Debunking the “White Hat” Defenses & Positions of the Trucking Company” (co-presented with Eric Romano)-* Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA) – National Interstate Trucking Super Summit, September 15-17, 2011
- “Pain Scales - Pain Medication Charts – Admissible Pain Data and Studies”* – Torts Made Perfect/Mass Torts Made Perfect; Las Vegas, Nevada, October 13-14, 2011
- “Case Selection: The Foundation of a Successful Practice”* – Florida Justice Association Webinar, February 10, 2012
- “Mediating Product Liability Cases” (panelist)* – Perrin Conferences “The Product Liability Conference” – Miami, FL, February 27, 2015
- “Debunking the Trucking Company’s “White Hat” Image and Defenses”* - Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA) – National Interstate Trucking Super Summit, St. Augustine, FL, May 15 – 17, 2016
- “Opening and Closing: Helping the Jury Identify with the Survivor and Family”* – AAJ’s The Traumatic Brain Injury Crisis: Prosecuting Brain Injuries in the Age of TBI Recognition, Charleston, South Carolina, May 5-6, 2016
- “A Place-Kicker’s Perspective on Opening Statements in a Trucking Case”* - Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA) – National Interstate Trucking Super Summit, Tampa, FL, May 19, 2017
- “The Nuts and Bolts of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Crash Case in Florida”* – Florida Justice

Association's *Masters of Justice Seminar* - Orlando, Florida, October 11, 2018
"Everything You As The Lawyer In The Underlying Case Need To Know About Bad Faith Law, Procedure & Steps You May Take Which Eliminates The Bad Faith Case" - Connectionology Seminars of America, Charleston, SC, October 29, 2018
"The 7 Fundamentals Of Preparing For Mediation: (A) Knowing The Players; (B) Law Of Mediation In Particular Jurisdiction; (C) The Mediation Preparation Checklist (A Must); (D) The Mediation Statement Or The Mediation Brief/Summary/Package & Its Contents; (E) Mediation Goals; (F) Pre-Mediation Lien Resolution & Medical Bill Resolution; (G) Structure Settlement/Post-Settlement Planner Guru On Board (Early) – Connectionology Seminars of America, Charleston, SC, October 30, 2018
"Fire/Explosions Caused By Product Defect: Fire Starter Gel; Exterior Mounted Fuel Tanks On Trucks" (co-presented with Travis Mohler, Colombo Law Group, Columbus, Ohio) – Florida Justice Association's *John F. Romano Workhorse Seminar* - Orlando, Florida, February 20, 2019
"Hardening the Soft Side of a Defendant Who Admits Fault" - Connectionology Seminars of America, Atlanta, Georgia, October 10, 2019

Publications/Articles

"Big Trucks Big Problems: When a Truck Driver Wrecks Your Day and Life – Legal Rights of the Injury Victim and Family" – Co-Authored by Todd Romano and David A. Wolf – © by David A. Wolf, Attorney