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An appellate specialist with the Firm and practicing out of its Tampa, Florida, Office, Mr. Tarpley attended law school at the University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law, from which he was graduated in 1988. While in law school, Mr. Tarpley was on the dean's list and was awarded high honors in the fall semester of his third year. The honors award was based on a law review quality senior paper analyzing the ramifications of the Growth Management Act. Prior to attending the University of Florida, Mr. Tarpley attended New College of Florida, from which he graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. During Mr. Tarpley's time at New College he prepared a senior thesis, "The Politics of Environmental Regulation" which was successfully defended before a panel of professors.

Mr. Tarpley has spent over twenty years in the practice of law honing his skills as an appellate practitioner. Upon graduation from law school Mr. Tarpley joined a private law firm in Gainesville, Florida where for several years he worked on appellate matters in a broad variety of civil cases including securities cases, construction cases, and family and domestic cases. In 1991, Mr. Tarpley joined the Tampa, Florida office of the Florida Department of Legal Affairs where he worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Division for over eighteen years, handling direct appeals, collateral attacks on criminal convictions, and cases involving extraordinary writs including habeas corpus, certiorari, and prohibition.

Mr. Tarpley is a member of the Florida Bar, and is admitted to and has practiced before the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Martindale-Hubble has given Mr. Tarpley a BV rating "with distinction."

Mr. Tarpley has presented oral argument in over fifty appeals before the federal appellate courts and the appellate courts of the state of Florida. Mr. Tarpley has also briefed matters before the Supreme Court of Florida. Mr. Tarpley's skills as an appellate advocate have resulted in a significant number of influential appellate opinions.