

# ADVISORY COUNCIL



## **Judge Daniel H. Sleet**

### **Florida Second District Court of Appeal**

Judge Sleet earned a B.A. degree in History from Furman University in 1984 and his J.D. degree from Cumberland School of Law in 1987. During his last two years of law school, he served as a Magistrate for the City of Birmingham, Alabama. During his last year of law school, he was a member of the 1987 ATLA national championship mock trial team.

Judge Sleet served as an assistant state attorney for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office from 1987-1991. During his tenure as an assistant state attorney, he tried over fifty (50) jury trials including capital murders, RICO, drug trafficking, and violent felonies.

In 1991, Judge Sleet joined the Tampa law firm of Barr, Murman, & Tonelli as an associate attorney practicing in the area of personal injury defense. He tried over thirty (30) jury trials. In 1998, he was unanimously admitted to partnership and developed a clientele of billion dollar and multi-million dollar corporations, insurance companies and governmental agencies. He was certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a mediator and earned an A.V. rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Judge Sleet practiced law for nineteen (19) years before being appointed to the 13th Judicial Circuit Court in 2005 by Governor Jeb Bush. He was reelected to the circuit court without opposition in 2008 and served until December 2012 when Governor Rick Scott appointed him to the appellate bench.

Judge Sleet has authored articles for the Florida Bar, Family Law Commentator and conducted numerous seminars for the Hillsborough County Bar Association. He served as the Criminal Justice Chair of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges in 2012 and served on the 13th Judicial Circuit Budget and Security Committee. He is chair of the Central Staff Hiring Committee and chair of the Legislative Committee for the Second District Court.

Judge Sleet has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (A.B.O.T.A.) since 2003. In 2015, he was selected Jurist of the Year by the Tampa Bay ABOTA Chapter. In 2017, he served as president of the Tampa Bay ABOTA Chapter. He served as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at Stetson University College of Law for seven years. Since 2016, he has served as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at the University of Tampa.

Judge Sleet is married and has two daughters. He enjoys reading, boating, travel and spending time with his family.