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Douglas R. Beam is a trial lawyer and has tried hundreds of cases. In 1988, Mr. Beam founded Douglas R. Beam, P.A., Attorneys and Counselors at Law. The law firm represents clients in a wide range of cases, including traumatic brain injury, civil rights, police misconduct, wrongful death, trucking accidents, nursing home and assisted living center neglect, premises liability, aviation accidents, and motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Beam is a Diplomat and member of the Executive Committee of The National Trial Lawyers. Mr. Beam is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, is a President's Club Member of the American Association for Justice and is a Super Lawyer. He is the past president of the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents and the Brevard County Bar Association. Mr. Beam is the recipient of the First Annual Professionalism Award of the Brevard County Bar Association. He is the first lifetime member of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; lifetime member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and an Eagle Member of the Florida Justice Association. Mr. Beam also received the Teaching Excellence Award at the Brevard Community College Criminal Justice Center.

Mr. Beam served as a prosecutor for over three years in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, where he started the Child Sexual Abuse Prosecution Unit and prosecuted the first DNA case in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit (one of the first DNA prosecutions in the United States). In the law firm's criminal defense practice, the attorneys represent individuals who have been accused of crimes or are being investigated for alleged criminal offenses—from misdemeanors to felonies. The law firm also represents lawyers being investigated or prosecuted by The Florida Bar.

Mr. Beam actively speaks at various events, teaching to others in the legal community about trial practice, civil rights, police misconduct, personal injury, criminal defense, and working with clients suffering from severe brain injuries. Recent speaking engagements include:

- 2017, 2016 The National Trial Lawyers Summit (Miami, FL)
- 2016 Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit Seminar (Phoenix, AZ)
- 2016 Connectionology Brain Injury Seminar (Greenville, SC)
- 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 Florida Justice Association Workhorse Seminar (Orlando, FL)
- 2015 Connectionology Brain Injury Seminar (Melbourne, FL)
- 2015 Catastrophic Care Society (Las Vegas, NV)

Mr. Beam received his law degree from The University of Tennessee College of Law, where he received the Dean's Citation for Extraordinary Contributions to the University of Tennessee College of Law, served as an editor of the *Tennessee Law Review* and as editor-in-chief of *The*

Forum, the law school newspaper. Mr. Beam has been happily married to his wife, Cathy, for 34 years and they have two sons, one of whom (Riley) is a trial lawyer who practices at the firm.