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I was born in Kansas City, Missouri. I graduated from the University of Kansas in 1967 and from Indiana University School of Law in 1970. Following law school until 1972, I was a law clerk for Federal Judge Peter Fay in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Next, I began my career as a defense attorney. However, I soon changed my practice to represent only those injured or killed by the negligence of others. After years of successful practice with my husband, Ben, as Weaver & Weaver, P.A., in 1996 we both became Of Counsel to the law firm of Krupnick, Campbell, Malone, Roselli, Buser, Slama & Hancock. In 2001, we moved to Jacksonville and were principals in Harrell & Harrell, P.A. through April, 2010. At that time, we formed our new firm of Weaver & Weaver, P.A. located in Jacksonville, Florida.

I am licensed to practice in Florida and have been licensed to practice in Indiana and Colorado. I have also been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits.

I have consistently received an AV rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, the highest rating given by this publication. I am board certified in Civil Trial Law by The Florida Bar and have been selected to be listed in the publication, The Best Lawyers in America, since 1989. I am also one of only five lawyers worldwide to have been named one of the top ten trial lawyers in the United States by the National Law Journal on more than one occasion.

I am board certified in the State of Florida and am a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, whose membership is limited to 500 lawyers worldwide.

A leader within my profession, I have served as a member of the Board of Governors and as a national officer for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (now known as the American Justice Association), on the Board of Governors of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, as a charter member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (now known as the Florida Justice Association), as an officer and director of the Civil Justice Foundation, Washington D.C. and was a founder and former national officer of the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and am a lifetime fellow of the Roscoe Pound Foundation. I was also the founding president of the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association and was named the Broward County Woman of the Year in 1990 and 1991. I was inducted into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame in 1996. I have also chaired the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and the ATLA Secrecy Task Force which spearheaded greater disclosure requirements in product liability cases.

I am and have been a national speaker on products liability, traumatic brain injury and complex personal injury litigation. I have testified before both houses of Congress and the Florida Legislature on tort law, consumer rights and safety issues. I was a panel member with Supreme Court Justice Blackburn and Ted Koppel on a nationally televised program on medical malpractice co-sponsored by Columbia University. I have appeared on national television on numerous occasions including ABC "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, CBS "Eye to Eye" with Connie Chung and CNN "Money Line".

I was a founding member of the Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group which is a national group of lawyers that specializes in representing survivors of traumatic brain injury. I have been on the Board of Directors and have been a national officer of the Brain Injury Association of America, have been actively involved with the Florida Brain Injury Association and the First Coast Brain Injury Association. I am also a founding member of the National Committee on Litigation of Head Injuries. I have written many papers, lectured nationally on the subject of brain injury and have tried many lawsuits involving brain injury.

In recognition of my community service, I was named Child Advocate of the Year. I also served on the founding board of the Covenant House.