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Practice Areas: Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff (60%),
Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice: Plaintiff (20%), Personal
Injury - Products: Plaintiff (20%)

Industry Groups: Academy Of Trial Advocacy (Chairman),
American Association For Justice, American Bar Association,
Florida Justice Association, Inadequate Security Litigation Group
(Chair), Miami Dade Justice Association, National College Of
Advocacy Board Of Trustees (Executive Committee), National
Crime Victim Bar Association (Board Of Advisors)

Law School: [University of Florida Levin College of Law](#)

PROFILE

A Board Certified trial lawyer concentrating on catastrophic injury cases, Mr. Leighton is a frequent national lecturer on trial skills and serious injury and death litigation, and has published lead articles in *Trial* magazine seven times. Litigating violent crime cases for over 28 years, he recently authored the two volume text *Litigating Premises Security Cases*. He is Chairman of the Academy of Trial Advocacy, an invitation-only association of catastrophic injury trial lawyers, and Chair of AAJ's Inadequate Security Litigation Group. Selected for *The Best Lawyers in America* (2008-2014), Top Lawyers in the *South Florida Legal Guide* (2003-2013), *Florida SuperLawyers* (2006-2013) and *Florida Trend* magazine's Florida Legal Elite (2006-2009, 2013), he is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and holds a 10/10.0 ("superb") rating from AVVO.com. Leighton Law has offices in Miami and Orlando and handles cases throughout Florida and across the country. Mr. Leighton has been hired to litigate and try catastrophic cases in several states including Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina and New York. He has obtained some of the largest verdicts in Florida, including over \$24 million in a medical malpractice case and \$25 million for a wrongful death case.

YEARS OF SELECTION

Super Lawyers: 2006 - 2014

CERTIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Florida Bar Board Certified — Civil Trial

TOP LISTS

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ABOUT JOHN LEIGHTON

Admitted: 1985, Florida

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Honors and Awards:

- [Top Lawyers in South Florida](#), *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2012
- [Best Lawyers in America](#), 2012
- [Florida Legal Elite](#), *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2009

Special Licenses/Certifications:

- Certified Trial Specialist, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization, 1996

Bar/Professional Activity:

- Board of Trustees, National College of Advocacy, 2008
- Chairman, Academy of Trial Advocacy, 2008
- Chairman, Inadequate Security Litigation Group, American Association for Justice.

Pro bono/Community Service:

- Put Something Back program, Miami-Dade County

Scholarly Lectures and Writings:

- Two volume treatise on handling, litigating and trying premises security cases., Author, [Litigating Premises Security Cases](#), *Thomson-West publishers*, 2006

Verdicts and Settlements:

- \$7.4 million verdict in a trucking case where client sustained amputation. Osceola County, FL. (*Erb v. Peninsula Logistics*), 2013
- \$25 million verdict/wrongful death, Orange County, FL (*Estate of Gordon v. Terry, et al.*), 2011
- \$24 million - medical malpractice/birth trauma verdict, Seminole County, Florida (*Shoaf v. Geiling*), 2005

Educational Background:

- JD with Honors, The University of Florida, 1985
- BA with Honors, The University of Florida, 1983