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EXPERIENCE

J.D. is a trial lawyer representing clients in business, corporate, and complex commercial litigation matters. He has litigated in a wide variety of state courts at the trial and appellate level.

Prior to joining Johnson Pope, J.D. served the people of the State of Florida as an Assistant State Attorney in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida for over three years. During that time, J.D. litigated thousands of cases ranging from misdemeanor offenses to punishable-by-life felony charges, including the successful prosecution at trial of multiple complex burglary offenses committed during the state of emergency caused by Hurricane Irma. He brought over fifteen jury trials to verdict, and he handled hundreds of bench trials, motion hearings, and depositions. After his time as an Assistant State Attorney, J.D. bolstered his civil litigation experience at a highly regarded local litigation firm, where he handled all phases of litigation in a wide variety of practice areas including contractual disputes, products liability, premises liability, and trucking and transportation, among others.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- ▶ Admitted to The Florida Bar
- ▶ Jesuit Bar Association, Member

EDUCATION

- ▶ University of Florida, B.S. & B.A. - 2011
 - ▶ Dean's List
 - ▶ First-Year Writing Award Nominee
- ▶ University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D. - 2014
 - ▶ National Health Law Moot Court Competition Team, Member
 - ▶ Academic Scholarship Recipient

WHEN HE'S NOT WORKING HARD FOR CLIENTS

J.D. enjoys watching his favorite sports teams the Florida Gators, Tampa Bay Lightning, Tampa Bay Rays, and FC Barcelona. He also likes spending time with his family and traveling to new places both within the U.S. and abroad.

ARTICLES

- ▶ [J.D. Zarate Joins Litigation Team at Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP](#)

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PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Business Litigation
- ▶ Personal Injury Law
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Construction Litigation
- ▶ Intellectual Property

