

## EUGENE K. PETTIS

Eugene K. Pettis, a co-founder of Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm, has an extensive civil trial practice. He litigates matters in areas of medical malpractice, personal injury, commercial litigation, professional liability and employment law. Mr. Pettis attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL, where he received both his Bachelor and Law degrees.

Mr. Pettis was sworn in as President of The Florida Bar in June 2013, becoming the first African-American in the Bar's history to serve in this position. He will lead the country's second-largest bar at a time when its membership will exceed 96,000 lawyers.

Mr. Pettis has earned Martindale-Hubbell's top AV rating for his high professional and ethical standards. Throughout his career, he has earned numerous legal awards and accolades, including ongoing selection by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in areas of medical malpractice personal injury and employment litigation, *Florida Super Lawyers*, the *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers list and *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite. In 2013, Mr. Pettis was recognized by the *Best Lawyers in America* as the Lawyer of the Year for Employment Law in his area.

He was a 2007 inductee to the exclusive invitation only American College of Trial Lawyers and elected by his peers into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). In January, 2013, he was recognized by his ABOTA Chapter as The Trial Lawyer of the Year in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.