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### **Areas of Practice**

Administrative Law | Insurance and Reinsurance | Litigation/Trial Practice

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Ian J. Dankelman is a Partner in the Litigation Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. Mr. Dankelman was a Partner at Freeborn & Peters, which combined with SGR in 2023.

Mr. Dankelman focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation.

Before joining the Firm, he counseled large commercial clients a nationwide law firm that specialized in first-party property cases. For nearly two years, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Elizabeth Kovachevich in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He began his legal career as an Assistant State Attorney in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit where he tried over a dozen jury trials to verdict.

Mr. Dankelman earned his J.D. from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law where he graduated *cum laude*. There, he served as Internal Vice President of the Florida Moot Court Team. He earned his B.S. from Florida State University, graduating magna *cum laude*.

In his spare time, Mr. Dankelman likes to play tennis and golf.

### **Admissions**

Florida

### **Recognitions**

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law, Tampa (2024, 2026)

Book Award for Legal Research and Writing

Book Award for Trial Practice

Named Best Oral Advocate by the Florida Supreme Court for the 2013 Maguire Moot Court Competition

National Order of the Barristers