

LAW FIRM OF OVERCHUCK, DENAULT, & DEMARCO, P.A.

John Overchuck

John Overchuck has dedicated his legal career to the representation of clients who have found themselves pitted against many of the largest corporations in both the United States and abroad. Products liability has been the focus of his work resulting in the exposure of defects in the design of many of the automobiles traveling the roads of America today. His vast knowledge of automotive defective issues includes work on cases involving defective seatbelts, vehicles with a propensity to roll over, roofs that crush and cause catastrophic injuries rather than protect the occupant, and vehicles that ignite and burn their occupants.

His work is not limited to automotive defects, he also represented clients in countless other defective and hazardous product/material cases including toxic torts, fabrics that burn like newspaper, mattresses that explode when ignited with an open flame, and machinery that exposes the user to extreme danger because of design defects. Highlighting his career is his work exposing the practices of the country's most highly visible establishments who callously expose their customers to dangers that include rape, murder, and death.

His vast knowledge of the law and experience gained from his accumulated years as an aggressive trial lawyer allows him to represent consumers who have suffered injury or death as the result of a harmful product or practice.

He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1968 and specializes in personal injury, wrongful death, products liability and negligence

Member - Orange County (Member: Medical-Legal Committee, 1971-1972; Judicial Administrative Committee, 1976-1977) and American Bar Associations; The Florida Bar; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers (Member, Sustaining Member, Diplomate and Member, Board of Directors, 1983-1988); American Board of Trial Advocates (Member); The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Member, M-Club; Faculty Member, Interim Chair; Establish Butane Lighter Litigation Group; Jeep Litigation Group); International Society of Barristers.

Board of Directors - Attorneys Information and Exchange Group (AIEG), 1986—; "Safe," Safety Attorneys Federation, Inc.

Published Works - "How to Handle the Economist," Matthew Bender; "Damages in Tort Actions," Chapter 125-136; "Products Liability in Florida-Trial Voir Dire," Opening Statement and Closing Argument, Volume 9 as Legal Consultant. (Also Of Counsel to Kitchen, Judkins Simpson & High, Tallahassee, FL)

Laura P. Denault

Laura P. Denault received her J.D. with Honors from the University of Florida College of Law in 1988 and was selected to clerk for the Honorable Bobby Gunther at the Fourth District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach, Florida. She was then a federal judicial clerk for the Honorable Kenneth L. Ryskamp of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

After completing her service with the courts, in 1991 Ms. Denault joined the law firm of Overchuck & Langa, P.A. in Orlando, representing plaintiffs in personal injury, wrongful death, and products liability cases.

In 1995, she returned to her hometown of Miami, Florida, where she practiced with Russo & Talisman, P.A., a firm that specialized in appeals and litigation support in complex civil cases. After a year she opened her own firm, and continued to specialize in civil appeals and litigation support in complex cases.

She is a founding partner of Overchuck, Denault & De Marco, P.A. and her practice area is civil appeals.

Ms. Denault was admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in 1991; the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida in 1996; and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida in 1996.

She was admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit in 1998. She was a member of the Christian Legal Society from 1985-1988 and from 1997-1999. She is a member of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and the co-author of Products Liability in Florida Trial, 3rd Ed., 1995.

Marie De Marco

Marie De Marco received a degree in accounting from Kean University in 1987, graduated cum laude from Stetson College of Law in 1990 and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Maurice Paul, Federal Judge for the U.S. District Court, North Division for Florida.

She was a shareholder at MacFarlane Ferguson, a prominent defense firm, and an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, before joining Overchuck, Denault & De Marco as a partner.

In 1990 she was named Best Advocate in the State of Florida by the Florida Bar Association and Best Advocate in the United States by the American College of Trial Lawyers. She received outstanding achievement awards from the United States Postal Service, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Her primary practice areas are products liability, personal injury, wrongful death and negligence.

Ms. De Marco serves on the finance and evangelical teams at the Epiphany Lutheran Church, volunteers at her son Christopher's elementary school, and served as a reading program volunteer for at-risk children in Head Start.