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Attorney Spotlight: Jeremy A. Simon Joins Perenich Law

Perenich Law is proud to welcome Jeremy A. Simon, who recently joined the firm as Litigation and Trial Counsel. A seasoned trial attorney with a strong reputation throughout the legal community, Jeremy brings his extensive courtroom experience, a passion for client advocacy, and a deep commitment to serving his community.

After moving to Florida at the age of five, Jeremy grew up in Pinellas County proudly earning his high school diploma from Countryside High School where he served as his Senior Class Vice President. He went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Florida State University, where he developed an interest in the law while working at the Florida House of Representatives. Following his undergraduate education, he earned his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law, where he distinguished himself through his involvement in trial advocacy and

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practical courtroom training. His passion for assisting others in need earned him the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award, an honor reserved for those law students who demonstrate a desire to give a voice to the voiceless.

Jeremy gained valuable litigation experience while attending law school and further honed his courtroom skills through his work in both the public and private sectors. Early in his career, he served as a prosecutor, where he handled a substantial caseload and gained extensive trial experience. This foundation helped shape the strategic, confident advocate he is today. Over the years, Jeremy has successfully represented clients in a wide range of complex litigation matters, earning the respect of colleagues, judges, and clients alike.

His commitment to excellence in the legal profession has earned him numerous recognitions. Most notably, Jeremy has been selected to the Florida Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers® every year since 2015, an honor reserved for outstanding attorneys who demonstrate high achievement and peer recognition in their practice areas. He was also selected for membership in The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40, an invitation-only organization for trial attorneys under age 40 who meet its qualifications for professional achievement, trial results, and leadership.

While Jeremy is passionate about the law, his dedication to the community extends far beyond the courtroom. He and his family are actively involved with the Skip Cline Society, a dynamic group of local professionals dedicated to advancing pediatric health care in our community. Through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteer efforts, Skip Cline Society members provide energetic support for the not-for-profit hospitals of Morton Plant Mease and help raise awareness of important health-related issues affecting local children and families.

Jeremy's commitment to the Skip Cline Society reflects his belief that giving back is an important responsibility of professionals and community members. By supporting pediatric health care initiatives, he and his family are helping ensure that children throughout our community have access to the care, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive. Their involvement demonstrates the values that guide Jeremy both personally and professionally: service, compassion, and a genuine desire to make a positive impact.

At Perenich Law, Jeremy's extensive litigation background, trial experience, and unwavering dedication to clients make him a tremendous asset to our team. His combination of legal skill, professionalism, and community involvement exemplifies the values our firm strives to uphold every day.

We are excited to welcome Jeremy to the Perenich Law family and look forward to the outstanding representation and service he will continue to provide throughout our community.

Supporting Children Close to Home: The Mission of the Skip Cline Society

For nearly 50 years, the **Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation** has helped provide philanthropic support to the Morton Plant Mease family of hospitals, funding innovative technology, equipment, programs, and services that enhance patient care throughout Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

Helping lead those efforts is **Lindsey Daniel, Director of Annual Philanthropy**, whose passion for connecting donors with meaningful causes has helped strengthen the Foundation's impact throughout the community. Having spent nearly eight years with the Foundation, Daniel works closely with donors, volunteers, and community partners to support healthcare initiatives that make a lasting difference for local patients and families.

One initiative especially close to Lindsey's heart is the **Skip Cline Society (SCS),** a group of local professionals and emerging leaders dedicated to advancing pediatric healthcare at Morton Plant Mease hospitals. **Perenich Law's Jeremy Simon and Laura Simon** have proudly supported the Skip Cline Society for the past five years and have served on its steering committee for the last two years.

Named in honor of Harry Sykes "Skip" Cline Jr., the Society carries forward his legacy of philanthropy, leadership, and community service. Since its founding, Skip Cline Society members have collectively contributed more than **$560,000** to pediatric programs and services, helping fund specialized equipment, advanced technology, neonatal resources, and family-centered programs that improve care for children throughout our community.
According to Lindsey, what makes the Skip Cline Society unique is its exclusive focus on pediatric healthcare.

"Supporting children is an investment in our future," she explained. "The Skip Cline Society helps ensure that local families have access to exceptional pediatric care close to home while providing physicians and caregivers with the resources they need to deliver the highest level of care."

Over the years, Society funding has helped provide specialized pediatric and neonatal equipment, including advanced imaging technology, NICU monitoring systems, infant simulators used for medical training, vein-finding technology, phototherapy systems for newborns, and other resources that enhance patient care and improve outcomes.

The Society's impact extends beyond technology and equipment. Through initiatives such as its annual Holiday Toy Drive, Skip Cline Society members help bring comfort and reassurance to children facing hospitalization and medical treatment. These efforts support the Foundation's broader mission of caring for patients not only physically, but emotionally as well.

That mission resonates strongly with **Jeremy Simon and Laura Simon of Perenich Law**, who regularly see firsthand how injuries and unexpected medical challenges affect children and families. Lindsey noted that the programs and resources funded through the Society help ease some of those burdens by providing advanced care, specialized equipment, and support services that create a more positive experience for pediatric patients and their loved ones during difficult times.
Perenich Law is proud to support the Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation and the Skip Cline Society through sponsorships, community involvement, and advocacy. Lindsey expressed her appreciation for the firm's partnership, noting that support from local businesses helps raise awareness, expand community involvement, and increase the Society's ability to invest in pediatric healthcare for future generations.

"What has begun as a new partnership has already proven to be an incredibly meaningful one," Lindsey said. "Support from community partners like Perenich Law helps us expand our reach, increase awareness, and ultimately make a greater impact on children and families throughout our community."

As the Skip Cline Society continues to grow, Lindsey hopes more local professionals and business leaders will become involved and help carry forward its mission of ensuring children receive exceptional healthcare close to home.

Her message is simple:

"Do it for the kids."

Every dollar raised helps provide the technology, programs, equipment, and compassionate support that allow local children and their families to receive outstanding care when they need it most.

Join the Fun: Skip Cline Society Touchdown Scavenger Hunt

Looking for a fun and unique way to support a great cause?

The Skip Cline Society Touchdown Scavenger Hunt returns to Downtown Dunedin on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, bringing together families, friends, local businesses, and community leaders for an afternoon of teamwork, laughter, and friendly competition.

Participants will solve clues, explore local businesses, and race through downtown Dunedin in pursuit of prizes, gift cards, trophies, and, of course, bragging rights. Following a wildly successful inaugural event, the Scavenger Hunt has quickly become one of the Skip Cline Society's most anticipated annual fundraisers.

Most importantly, every registration, sponsorship, and donation helps support pediatric programs and services at Morton Plant Mease hospitals, making a meaningful impact on the health and well-being of children throughout our community.

Perenich Law is proud to support this year's event and encourages community members to register, participate, volunteer, or simply help spread the word.

Attorneys Gregory, Timothy, and Terence Perenich Named to the Best Lawyers® in America 2027 Edition

Gregory, Timothy, and Terence Perenich were named to The Best Lawyers® in America 2027 Edition for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs. This achievement reflects the hard work and unwavering commitment of our attorneys and staff to achieving the best possible outcomes for our clients. We are especially honored because this recognition is determined exclusively through peer review, highlighting the confidence and esteem of respected colleagues in the legal profession.

Attorney Terence Perenich Named to Million Dollar Advocates Forum

Terence Perenich has been named to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum®. This prestigious honor is reserved for attorneys who have achieved million-dollar verdicts, settlements, or awards for their clients. Terence's membership reflects his dedication to advocating for injury victims and achieving exceptional results.

Florida E-Bikes: What the Governor's Veto Means for Your Next Ride

By Jeremy A. Simon, Esq.

Electric bicycles offer a convenient way to commute, explore local trails, and enjoy Florida's beautiful outdoors. But before you or your children head out for a ride, it helps to understand which rules apply. Recent headlines about statewide legislation have added some confusion.

What did the governor veto?

On June 25, 2026, Governor Ron DeSantis vetoed **CS/SB 382**, a bill addressing e-bikes and other micromobility devices. Although it passed the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives unanimously, the bill did not become law.

The legislation would have prohibited riding an e-bike faster than **10 mph on a sidewalk or other pedestrian-designated area when a pedestrian was within 50 feet**. It also proposed additional pedestrian protections on certain shared pathways, a safety task force, and crash-data reporting requirements. Those proposed requirements did not take effect.

In explaining his veto, the governor wrote, "[t]his bill will likely lead to enhanced surveillance by local governments against citizens. Moreover, the bill creates a task force, yet substantive changes are also implemented prior to any task force recommendations. For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 382 and do hereby veto the same."

The veto leaves Florida's existing bicycle and e-bike laws in place, requiring riders to follow applicable traffic laws and local restrictions.

What qualifies as an e-bike?

Under **§ 316.003(23), Fla. Stat. (2026),** an electric bicycle must have fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle, and an electric motor rated at **less than 750 watts**. Florida recognizes three classes:

- **Class 1:** Pedal assistance that stops at 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Motor propulsion without pedaling, with assistance stopping at 20 mph.
- **Class 3:** Pedal assistance that stops at 28 mph.

Importantly, a powerful electric vehicle advertised as an "e-bike" may fall outside Florida's legal definition, and into Florida's "motor vehicle" definition, requiring compliance with additional Florida laws. Before purchasing an e-bike, check its specifications and classification label.

Where can you ride?

A qualifying e-bike generally carries the same rights and duties as a conventional bicycle. Florida does not require a driver's license, title, or registration for it, and it is exempt from the state's motor-vehicle insurance requirements. **§ 316.20655(1)–(2), Fla. Stat. (2026).**

Be aware, however, that local regulations can affect your ride. Cities and counties are permitted to regulate e-bike operation, establish minimum riding ages, and require riders to carry government-issued photo identification. Authorities responsible for trails, multiuse paths, beaches, and dunes may also restrict or prohibit e-bikes. Be sure to check local ordinances and posted signs before heading out. **§ 316.20655(1), (7)–(8), Fla. Stat. (2026).**

Existing safety requirements still apply

Florida applies bicycle riders' rights and duties to e-bike riders under **§ 316.20655(1), Fla. Stat. (2026).** These requirements include:

- **Helmets:** Riders and passengers under 16 must wear a properly fitted, securely fastened helmet meeting federal bicycle-helmet standards. Despite the minimum age requirement, helmets should be worn at every age. **§ 316.2065(3)(d), Fla. Stat. (2026).**
- **Lights:** Between sunset and sunrise, an e-bike must have a white front light visible from at least 500 feet and a red rear light and reflector, each visible from 600 feet. **§ 316.2065(7), Fla. Stat. (2026).**
- **Pedestrians:** When riding along a sidewalk or through a crosswalk, riders must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking and passing them. **§ 316.2065(10), Fla. Stat. (2026).**
- **Traffic controls:** E-bike riders must obey applicable official traffic-control devices, including stop signs and traffic signals. **§§ 316.074(1), 316.20655(1), Fla. Stat. (2026).**

Protect yourself before and after a crash

Practice braking and turning in a quiet area before riding in traffic. Slow down around pedestrians, watch for vehicles entering driveways, and give yourself room to stop. Before deciding whether to purchase an e-bike for a child, parents should consider a child's judgment, experience, and ability to control the bike.

Ask your insurance agent specifically about coverage for your e-bike, injuries, and liability. Confirm what your policies cover before you need them.

If a crash occurs, get to safety, seek necessary medical attention, and contact law enforcement. When safe, photograph the scene, bike, vehicles, and relevant signs; collect witness information; and preserve the damaged bike and any ride recordings.

As e-bikes become increasingly common in our communities, the law continues to evolve to address their use. Distracted driving and unsafe riding can lead to serious, preventable injuries. If you or a family member has been involved in an e-bike crash, our firm is here to answer your questions, explain your rights, and help you understand your options.

Sources: CS/SB 382 bill history and enrolled text • Governor's veto explanation • Florida Statutes Chapter 316

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