Thomas R. Ray Receives Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of St. Augustine's 2026 Law and Spirituality Award



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Thomas R. Ray, a partner in Lippes Mathias LLP's Jacksonville office, received the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of St. Augustine's 2026 Law and Spirituality Award on Nov. 4, 2026, during the 36th annual Red Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Ray shared the honor with Michael Kolcun.

The award recognizes individuals whose personal and professional lives exemplify the relationship between faith, justice and service to others. Guild President Nick McNamara presented the award during a reception at the Cody Family Enrichment Center, recognizing Ray and Kolcun for living their Catholic faith through their professional responsibilities, family life and community service.

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier celebrated the Mass, and Bishop Joseph L. Coffey, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, concelebrated.

Ray, a member of the firm's construction litigation practice team, has practiced law in Florida for more than 47 years. He received the Jacksonville Bar Association's 2023 Professionalism Award.

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A former St. Joseph parishioner, Ray supported parish activities and charities, including Divine Mercy House. He is now a parishioner of San Juan del Rio Catholic Church, attends daily Mass and volunteers for the guild's annual Camp I Am Special breakfast. Ray and Kolcun have been friends and colleagues for more than 42 years.

About Thomas R. Ray

Thomas R. Ray focuses his practice on construction and lien law litigation in state and federal court; surety bond claims; construction defect claims; personal injury, and mediation of Circuit Court disputes.

His labor relations and management law experience include defense of wage and hour violation claims, Occupational Safety and Health Administration citations, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission discrimination and civil rights claims, wrongful termination, retaliatory termination for filing workers' compensation claims, Employee Retirement Income Security Act claims, and violations of employment agreements.

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