



Jessica K. Alley

partner

Jessica is a litigator who focuses her career representing clients in the insurance, legal and healthcare industries.

Jessica's extensive insurance experience includes defending insurance agencies, managing general agents (MGAs), third party adjusters (TPAs), surplus lines brokers and other insurance professionals from errors and omissions and breach of contract claims. In addition to defending professional liability claims, Jessica represents these professionals in contractual disputes with carriers involving underwriting guideline compliance and indemnity disputes under agency management agreements. She also provides counsel to insurers construing insurance policies and has litigated numerous declaratory judgment actions on behalf of domestic and foreign insurers. Jessica's comprehensive experience helps her to understand the industry from a unique perspective and execute the right litigation strategy for the client's particular need.

Jessica also brings extensive experience representing attorneys and law firms in defense of legal malpractice claims. In addition, she has considerable experience defending healthcare companies in high-profile and high-stakes litigation asserted under the False Claims Act and other federal statutes.

Jessica litigates cases in state and federal court and private arbitrations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successful representation of agency in malpractice litigation involving COVID-19
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice for TPA in malpractice action
- Successful representation of MGU in breach of contract and fiduciary duty arbitration related to alleged violation of underwriting guidelines
- Successful representation of life reinsurers in YRT reinsurance rate disputes
- Successful resolution of complex multi-state coverage litigation for domestic insurer

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EDUCATION

Florida State University College of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1999

Stetson University, B.A., 1995

SERVICES

Litigation

- Arbitration and mediation
- Commercial litigation
- E-Discovery
- Health Care litigation
- Insurance intermediary representation
- Insurance litigation
- Professional liability

Reinsurance Litigation & Arbitration

- Obtained summary judgment for healthcare company in response to allegations of fraud under the False Claims Act, which was affirmed on appeal
- Obtained summary judgment for over \$1 million dollars in costs and fees against adversary
- Obtained a defense verdict in high profile, multi-million dollar legal malpractice trial, which was affirmed on appeal
- Obtained judgment in favor of public company in two qui tam health care fraud actions under the False Claims Act
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of an insurance agency on multi-million-dollar claim

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Supreme Court of the United States

PRESENTATIONS

- “Insurance Litigation Seminar,” Porter Wright, Oct. 18, 2023
- “E&O Seminar,” Florida Association of Insurance Agents, August 2019
- “Women in Law & Leadership Summit,” CenterForce, March 2019
- “Florida Insurance Agent Standard of Care,” Florida Continuing Legal Education Program, November 2015
- “Discovery in an Electronic World,” Florida Continuing Legal Education Program, October 2015
- *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* Bizwomen Summit, August 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- “Florida insurer bad faith — stop the blame game,” *Law.com*, December 2019
- “And the defense wins,” *DRI's The Voice*, Aug. 26, 2014
- “Florida insurance agent's standard of care,” Agents E&O Standard of Care Project: Florida Survey, Big “I” Professional Liability Program, 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Section; Trial Lawyers Section
- The Florida Bar, Grievance Committee, Member, 2017-2018; Chair, 2019
- Federal Bar Association, Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, Member, 2020-2021; Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Member, 2019-2020
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, Former Member, Board of Directors; Former Officer
- Litigation Counsel of America, Litigation Fellow
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Defense Research Institute
- ARIAS-U.S., Women’s Resource Committee Member, 2020-2022

HONORS | AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition
- *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, Businesswoman of the Year, Finalist, 2009
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent

COMMUNITY

- Junior League of Tampa, Member/Volunteer
- Girl Scout Troop, Volunteer
- Metropolitan Ministries, Volunteer