

Geralyn M. Passaro, Partner

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Overview

Geralyn practices primarily in the area of commercial and complex business litigation with an emphasis on representation of directors and officers, agents and brokers, lawyers and others in professional liability and community association matters. She also handles complex

personal injury, toxic tort defense and wrongful death actions, as well as construction and employment liability matters. Geralyn has tried more than 50 cases to verdict, including four trials in the year 2013, and is also an Arbitrator in consumer and commercial dispute matters through the American Arbitration Association.

Geralyn was recruited by Litchfield Cavo LLP to open its new Fort Lauderdale office in February 2009. Currently, she is chair of the Firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Experience

- *Dade County School Board v Radio Station WQBA* 731 So.2d 638 (Fla. 1999)
- *Reamco Development Corp. v 499 Corp.*, 992 So.2d 431, (Fla. 4th DCA 2008)
- *Bonica v Dade County School Board*, 549 So.2d 220 (Fla. 3d DCA 1989)

Education

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Practices

Business Litigation
Construction Liability
Employment and Labor
Law
Professional Liability:
Non-Medical
Reinsurance

- University of Miami School of Law, JD, 1986
 - *Inter-American Law Review*, member
 - Dean's List
- Florida Atlantic University, BA, 1983

Admissions

- Florida
- Georgia
- United States District Courts: Southern District of Florida, Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals: Eleventh Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Associations

- Broward County Fair, Former Director and President
- Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Troop Leader

Languages

- English

Professional Memberships

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC): Chair of the Life, Health, and Disability Committee (2010-2012), Vice Chair, 2006-2009
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Florida Bar, Civil Rules Committee, appointed member (2006-2010)

Presentations/Publications

- Presenter, "Claims against Appraisers," American Society of Appraisers, Miami Chapter (November 12, 2009)
- Presenter, "Subprime Effect: Foreclosure and Claims Against Professionals," Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Orlando, FL (May

29, 2009)

- Presenter, “Taking and Defending Depositions,” Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Fort Lauderdale (April 16, 2009)
- Presenter, “Representing the Insurance Professional in the Sale of Unauthorized Insurance Products,” Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Sun Valley, ID (June 2007)
- Presenter, “Claims of Exploitation of the Elderly in the Sale of Financial Products,” Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, San Diego, CA (June 2005)
- Author, “Bailing Out Medicare: Defense Counsel’s Medicare Reporting and Set-Aside Obligations,” *Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Quarterly*, Volume 61, No. 3 (Spring 2011)
- Author, “Claims of Exploitation of the Elderly in the Sale of Financial Products,” *The Florida Bar Journal* (October 2006)
- Author, “Sanctuary Reconciling Immigration Policy with First Amendment Rights,” *Inter-American Law Review* (1983)

Honors & Awards

- Rated an AV® Preeminent™ lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell, representing the recognition of the highest level of professional excellence by her peers