

# Robin C. Dunford, Counsel

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## Overview

Robin maintains an active civil litigation practice representing clients in both federal and state jurisdictions. She primarily defends personal injury claims, including wrongful death and premises liability matters, and is actively engaged in all stages of litigation, from early litigation

strategy through trial preparation, including discovery, depositions, motions related to expert designations and reports, summary judgment practice, and pre-trial motion practice.

Robin also has significant experience with writs. She drafted a successful writ application to the Louisiana Supreme Court, which resulted in the lower court's reversal and a dismissal *with prejudice* in favor of the Defendant Insured in a premises liability matter.

## Experience

- Principal drafter and architect of Motion for Summary Judgment and subsequent writ applications in a case involving an open and obvious “hazard” following the Louisiana Supreme Court’s near obliteration of the open and obvious defense. Due to this challenge, the briefing framed the argument as one of no legal duty. The lower court denied the original motion, but the Supreme Court accepted the writ and rendered judgment in favor of the Defendant Insured, dismissing it *with prejudice* from the case. In this frequently cited case, the Court

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## Practices

Appellate Practice  
Business Litigation  
General Liability

noted that its prior jurisprudence “should not be construed as precluding summary judgment when no legal duty is owed because the condition encountered is obvious and apparent to all and not unreasonably dangerous.”

- *Bufkin v. Felipe's Louisiana, LLC*, 2014-0288 (La. 10/15/14), 171 So.3d 851
- Prepared Motion for Summary Judgment in case against a listing real estate agent alleging a failure to disclose a purported property defect, which resulted in dismissal of the action against the agent.
- Prepared Motion for Summary Judgment on behalf of defendant construction company in alleged sidewalk defect/trip and fall case, leading to case resolution at significantly reduced amount following hearing on motion.

## Education

- Tulane University School of Law, JD, 1996, *cum laude*
- University of California at Santa Barbara, BA, Political Science, emphasis on International Relations, 1992

## Admissions

- Florida
- Louisiana
- United States District Courts: Eastern District of Louisiana, Middle District of Louisiana, Western District of Louisiana

## Languages

- English

## Professional Memberships

- Florida Bar
- Louisiana State Bar Association