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Petra L. Justice practices in the area of insurance defense with a focus on vehicular torts, construction litigation and aviation litigation.

Representative Experience

- Banker Lopez Gassler P.A., Tampa, FL
Shareholder, December 2013 to Present
Associate, November 2008 to November 2013
- Office of the State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Clearwater, FL
Certified Legal Intern, January 2008 to May 2008
- Chief Judge Robert Morris, Jr., Sixth Judicial Circuit, Clearwater, FL
Judicial Intern, Summer 2007
- Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida
Legal Intern, Summer 2006
- Office of the State Attorney, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Tampa, FL
Victim Assistance Program Legal Intern, Summer 2003

Presentations and Publications

Presentations

- *Moderator, Insights from Your Aviation Clients: Get the Inside Scoop on Substantive and Business Issues and Beyond*, DRI Annual Aviation Committee Meeting, October 2015
- *Co-Presenter, Product Inspections*, DRI Products Liability Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 2015
- *Moderator and Co-Presenter, 5 Hour Law and Ethics Update Presentation*, Mercury Insurance, St. Petersburg, FL, May 2014
- *Moderator, Various Topics*, Mercury Insurance, St. Petersburg, FL, December 2013
- *Presenter, Effective Use of Animations in Aviation Cases*, DRI Annual Aviation Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 2013

Practice Areas

Automobile Liability
Products Liability
Aviation
Complex Litigation
Commercial
Litigation
Construction
Litigation
Personal Injury
Litigation
Toxic Tort

Education

J.D., Stetson
University College of
Law, 2008 (Executive
Editor, *Stetson Law
Review*; Mock Trial
Team; Order of the
Barristers; Phi Delta
Phi)
B.A., *magna cum
laude*, University of
Florida, 2004

Bar Admissions

Florida

- Presenter, *Spoliation of Evidence and E-Discovery*, HCBA 16th Annual Bench Bar Conference, Tampa, Florida, October 2012
- “Spoliation of Evidence,” Rimkus 6th annual CE seminar for claims handlers and other insurance professionals, Orlando, Florida, March 2011
- Presenter, *Spoliation of Evidence*, Hillsborough County Paralegal Association Conference 2010, Tampa, FL.
- “Chinese Toxic Products from Toys to Pet Foods to Drywall,” Co-Authored by Nava Ben-Avraham, Terry Ford, Jeffrey James, Michele Johnson and Petra Justice. Presented by Frank H. Gassler at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Hot Springs, Virginia, July 2009.

Court Admissions

Florida State Courts

U.S. District Court,
Middle District of
Florida

U.S. District Court,
Northern District of
Florida

U.S. District Court,
Southern District of
Florida

Publications

- Contributing Author to Firm’s First 5 Hour Law and Ethics Update, Winter 2014
- *Why Non-Final GARA Denials Deserve Certiorari Review: “When Your Money Is Gone, That Is Permanent, Irreparable Damage To You”*, Co-Authored with Erica Healey, 42 Stetson L. Rev. 457 (2013)
- Contributing Author, *DRI Products Liability Seminar Case Law Update*. Winter 2010.
- Author, *Applying the Economic Loss Rule in Aviation Actions Based on Injuries to Third-Parties*, DRI Aviation Committee’s Publication, *Skywritings*, Fall 2010.
- Author, *Amendments to Florida’s Standard Civil Jury Instructions*, Hillsborough County Bar Association’s Publication, *Lawyer*, June 2010.
- Author, *Admitting Public Records at Trial*, American Bar Association, Journal of the Trial Evidence Committee, *Proof*, Vol. No. 17, issue 5, Fall 2009.
- Contributing Author, *Chinese Toxic Products from Toys to Pet Foods to Drywall*. Presented by Frank H. Gassler at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Hot Springs, Virginia, July 2009

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Products Liability Sub-Committee; Aviation Forum; Trial Evidence Sub-Committee
- Defense Research Institute: Aviation Committee Executive Committee, 2011-Present; Current Vice-Chair
- Ferguson-White Inn of Court: Board Member, 2010 – Present; Current Counselor
- The Florida Bar: Aviation Law Committee, 2011 – Present; Current Vice Chair
- Hillsborough County Association of Women Lawyers
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Trial Lawyers section; Construction Law section

Community Involvement

- Stetson University College of Law, Advocacy Skills Trainer (Spring 2010)
Assistant Coach of the 2010 National Trial Competition Championship Team

Distinctions

The Best Lawyers® in America, 2016-2021

Florida Super Lawyers®, 2019-2020

Florida Rising Star®, 2012-2018

Best Advocate Award, 16th Annual National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Trial Competition

Best Appellate Brief, Research and Writing II, Spring 2006

Book Award, Research and Writing II, Spring 2006

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award, presented to one person at graduation for Overall Excellence in Advocacy, Evidence, and Trial Practice