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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
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association

### **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**, 2016-2023

**Florida Super Lawyers®**, 2019-2020

**Florida Rising Star®**, 2012-2018

**Best Advocate Award**, 16<sup>th</sup> 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