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” Kristen is an excellent appellate attorney. She is bright, does her research, and gets to the heart of the matter.

- *Chambers USA*

Recognized by *Florida Trend*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Super Lawyers*, Kristen Fiore is a seasoned, board certified appellate attorney, who has handled hundreds of complex commercial appeals and orally argued dozens of those cases, including appeals in all six Florida District Courts of Appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, and the United States Courts of Appeal for the Second, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits. She routinely assists clients with both trial preservation/key arguments and constitutional and appellate issues in a wide variety of areas of the law, including administrative, cannabis, gaming, financial, healthcare, hospitality, insurance, labor and employment, and tax.

She currently serves on the Florida Appellate Court Rules Committee and is a frequent speaker on appellate topics, most recently presenting on the Jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court for the Appellate Practice Section’s Practice Before the Florida Supreme Court CLE Seminar.

She brings a wealth of knowledge to her appellate practice from having served as a staff attorney for judges on both the Florida Supreme Court (Justice Barbara Pariente) and Florida’s Fourth District Court of Appeal (Judge Fred Hazouri), where she participated in countless appeals — which provides her with

Areas of Experience

Appellate
Litigation
Financial Services
Cannabis
Akerman Bench

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2006, cum laude, *Inter-American Law Review*, Associate Editor, *Inter-American Citator*, Editor
B.A., Barnard College, Columbia University, Political Science, 2000, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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August 22, 2023

invaluable insight in framing compelling arguments during both the trial and appellate stages of litigation.

Notable Work

Administrative Appeals: Represent clients in appeals concerning license revocation and suspension, including emergency suspension orders; substantially affected interests; educational institution discipline; validity of tax assessments; agency authority; standing; and attorney's fee awards.

Financial Appeals: Represent major financial institutions in dozens of appeals, including complex foreclosure and post-foreclosure issues, protections of secured property interests, and employment issues.

Insurance Appeals: Represent clients in appeals and litigation support involving wide range of insurance issues, including: the tripartite relationship, extra-contractual exposure/bad faith, licensing, PIP, UM/UMIM, coverage disputes, Coblenz agreements, agent/broker disputes, and suits against insureds where defense is provided under a policy of insurance

Labor and Employment Appeals: Represent clients in appeals and litigation support involving whistleblower claims, civil rights issues, termination, benefits, and compensation

Related Professional Experience

- Senior Staff Attorney to Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Supreme Court of Florida, 2008-2010
- Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Fred A. Hazouri, Fourth District Court of Appeal, 2006-2008
- Judicial Intern to Magistrate Judge Stephen T. Brown, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2004

Published Work and Lectures

- Pincus Professional Education Webinar, Speaker, "Preserving the Trial Record for Appeal in Florida Civil Cases," August 1, 2023
- *Law360*, Mentioned, "Delaware Justices Uphold Toss of Candace Owens' Facebook Suit," February 22, 2022
- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Presenter, "Jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court," February 2021
- *Florida Politics*, Quoted, "Joe Redner Appeals 'Home Grow' Decision to State Supreme Court," June 26, 2019
- Florida Bar CLE, Appellate Practice Section, Speaker, "Administrative Appeals: Process, Practice, Preservation, and Points to Consider After Amendment 6 - The Role of Certiorari in Administrative Appeals," May 1, 2019
- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Presenter, "Stays Pending Appeal," October 2018
- Tallahassee Bar Association's Legal Community Conference, Presenter, "Appeals 101: Ten Tips for Better Appellate Practice," April 27, 2018
- The Florida Bar's Practicing with Professionalism Seminar, Panelist, "Young Lawyer Professionalism Panel," May 29, 2015
- *The Record*, Author, "Judicial Profile of John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Court, Florida Supreme Court, Spring 2015
- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section and Government Lawyer Section's Seminar on Practicing Before the Florida

Supreme Court, Speaker, “Motion Practice and Amicus Briefs,”
June 2014

- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Speaker, “2014 Legislative Session and the Practice of Appellate Law,” June 2014
- The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Speaker, “From Practitioner to Judge, an In Depth Look at Responsive Appellate Pleadings and Briefs,” February 2014

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar, Appellate Court Rules Committee, 2021-2024; Appellate Practice Section, Member
- Tallahassee Bar Association, Member
- First District Court of Appeal Appellate Inn of Court, Member
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal Historical Society, Member
- Justice Teaching, Volunteer

Honors and Distinctions

- *Chambers USA*, 2023, Ranked in Florida for Litigation: Appellate
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2024, Listed in Florida for Appellate Law
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020-2023, Listed in Florida for Appellate
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023, Listed in Florida as a “Local Litigation Star” for Appellate
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2022, Listed in Florida as a “Future Star”
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2018, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” for Appellate
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016, 2019, Listed in Florida on the “40 & Under Hot List”
- *Florida Trend’s Legal Elite* 2017, Listed as an “Up and Comer” for Appellate Practice