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About Marissa

Marissa provides ethics and risk management guidance to lawyers and law firms and represents them in civil proceedings, handling all aspects of trial practice. She likewise defends attorneys in disciplinary actions before the Board of Bar Overseers and other grievance committees. In addition, Marissa regularly litigates civil actions brought against accountants, directors and officers, insurance agents and brokers, real estate professionals and property managers, financial advisors, notaries, and technology professionals.

Marissa also maintains an appellate practice. She has extensive experience prosecuting and defending appeals involving consumer financial matters related to mortgage servicers, lenders, and trustees of securitized mortgage trusts, including claims of predatory lending, mortgage fraud, violation of consumer protection statutes, and challenges to the right to foreclose.

She is deeply familiar with federal and state financial regulations and regularly handles appeals involving the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). Her appellate work spans a wide range of issues, including contract law, insurance coverage, legal malpractice, ERISA, real estate, constitutional law, and surety law.

Marissa provides appellate advice to trial attorneys and insurance carriers during litigation and trial, particularly in cases involving complex legal and statutory issues.

Marissa is regularly involved in contested foreclosure actions and commercial litigation in Connecticut state and federal courts.

Marissa's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Women's Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services; Professional Services

Services: Appellate; Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA); Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA); Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance; Mortgage Lending & Servicing Litigation ; Regulatory & Compliance ; Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)

Initiatives: Lawyers for the Profession®

Experience

Marissa has successfully represented clients in state and federal appellate and trial courts. Her published decisions include but are not limited to:

- *Gargano v. Liberty Intern. Underwriters, Inc.*, 572 F.2d 45 (1st Cir. 2009).
- *Phillips v. Prairie Eye Center*, 530 F.3d 22, (1st Cir. 2008).
- *Reliance Ins. Co. v. City of Boston*, 71 Mass. App. Ct. 550 (2008).
- *Cordi-Allen v. Halloran*, 470 F.3d 25 (1st Cir. 2006).
- *Diamond v. Automobile Ins. Co. of Hartford, Ct.*, 890 So. 2d 1248 (Fla. 3d DCA 2005).
- *Acosta v. The District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College*, 905 So. 2d 226 (Fla. 3d DCA 2005).

Other representative work includes:

- Secured a summary judgment victory for a national accounting and auditing firm that had been sued for contribution by a Boston law firm facing a \$20 million legal malpractice claim in connection with legal advice concerning partial withdrawal liability under ERISA.

Recognition

- *The American Lawyer*, Northeast Trailblazer, 2022
- *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, Top Women of Law, Honoree, 2021
- *New England Super Lawyers*, 2011 – 2018

- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Book Award, Trial Advocacy; Chief Student Prosecutor of Honor Code; Freshman Moot Court Competition, Semi-Finalist; Leo Goodwin Scholarship Endowment

Credentials

Education

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, JD, 1994

University of Massachusetts, BA, 1988

Bar Admissions

Connecticut

Florida

Massachusetts

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

US District Court for the District of Connecticut

US District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Interests

Did you know...

Marissa loves to cook and is constantly adding recipes to her all-time favorite cuisine: Asian. She is also a dedicated football fan, always rooting for the Patriots.

In 1990, Marissa was crowned Miss Massachusetts and competed in Miss America, earning scholarship money that helped finance her law school education.

Community/Civic Activities

- In addition to her practice, Marissa devotes time to pro bono work. Her efforts have included matters for the Youth Advocacy Foundation, Lawyers for Civil Rights, and the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, reflecting her dedication to public service.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Welcome and Opening Remarks,” Hinshaw’s 24th Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 5, 2025
- “Welcome and Opening Remarks,” Hinshaw’s 23rd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 6, 2024
- Moderator, “Cheating Clients/Lying Lawyers: A General Counsel’s Dilemma,” Hinshaw’s 22nd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 9, 2023
- Moderator, “Sticks, Stones, & Sanctions: Words Lawyers Write and Say Might Hurt Them,” Hinshaw’s 21st Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 2022
- Co-Presenter, “Reemerging for 2022: Ways to Protect Your Hybrid Practice,” New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, Webinar, February 3, 2022
- Panelist, “2020 Vision: Significant Developments in Malpractice Claims,” Hinshaw’s 20th Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Virtual Event, March 2, 2021
- Moderator, “Year in Review — Significant Developments in Malpractice Claims,” Hinshaw’s 19th Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 4, 2020

Publications

- “Other People’s Money: A Lawyer’s Obligation to Safeguard Property Belonging to Others,” *The Quarter Hour*®, Volume IV, 2008
- “AICPA Standards and the Duty of Care: The Ceiling or the Floor,” *Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) Journal*, August 2007
- Co-Author, “AICPA Standards and the Duty of Care: The Ceiling or the Floor,” *Professional Lines*, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, June 2007

Hinshaw Newsletters

- The Professional Line - December 2011 Edition, Dec 12, 2011
- The Professional Line - May 2011 Edition, May 31, 2011
- The Professional Line - January 2011 Edition, Jan 31, 2011

In The News

- Media Coverage of the 16th Annual Legal Malpractice and Risk Management Conference, Mar 28, 2017

Lawyers for the Profession® Alerts

- Insurance Agent Not Liable for Negligent Misrepresentations, Dec 15, 2010
- California Court Holds That Sellers Agents Must Disclose When Their Clients’ Property Is Overencumbered by Debt, Oct 18, 2010
- Professional Lines Alert, Aug 27, 2010

- Professional Lines Alert, Aug 10, 2010
- Professional Lines Alert, Jul 28, 2010

Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletters

- Lawyers, Don't Be Willfully Blind to Suspected Client Fraudulent Conduct, Mar 1, 2022
- 11 Legal Ethics Opinions You May Have Missed in 2021, Jan 4, 2022

Press Releases

- Veteran Construction Litigator Joins Hinshaw in Chicago, Oct 18, 2022
- Hinshaw Partner Marissa Delinks Named to American Lawyer Magazine's 2022 Northeast Trailblazers, Jun 2, 2022
- Hinshaw Partner Marissa Delinks Named to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2021 Top Women of Law, Nov 18, 2021

Webinar

- Marissa Delinks and Joanna Storey to Discuss "Ways to Protect Your Hybrid Practice" in New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers Presentation, Feb 3, 2022