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About Jenelle

As a litigator and arbitrator, Jenelle represents individuals and companies in international and domestic business, insurance coverage, and bad faith disputes. Her practice covers more than two decades of handling business contracts, business torts, fraud, and conspiracy disputes, including the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitration awards. She advocates for insurers, managing cases ranging from complex coverage disputes and first-party commercial property claims to bad faith issues arising out of commercial general liability, property, professional liability, aviation, marine, and builders risk policies. Jenelle delivers practical solutions to the intricate business challenges her clients face.

Jenelle co-chairs Hinshaw's Pro Bono and Community Involvement Committee in Ft. Lauderdale, overseeing volunteer opportunities for pro bono projects and community events. She serves on the Board of Directors for Legal Aid Service of Broward County. In recognition of her pro bono advocacy, she received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the 17th Judicial Circuit, the 2024 Russell E. Carlisle Advocacy Award, the *Daily Business Review* 2025 Florida Legal Award for ESG Impact, and the John Edward Smith Pro Bono Award for Child Advocacy.

Prior to joining Hinshaw, Jenelle broadened her litigation and arbitration experience with firms throughout Florida, including her solo practice, La Chuisa Law.

Jenelle's Affiliations

- American Arbitration Association, International, Commercial, Consumer, and Negligence Cases Arbitrator
- The Florida Bar, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; International Law Section

- National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Construction; Insurance; Professional Services

Services: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR);
Bad Faith, Market Conduct & Extra-Contractual Liability;
Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Secured summary judgment for an insurer in an aviation coverage dispute involving damages exceeding \$1.2 million, ruling there was no duty to defend or indemnify. The court determined that the underlying lawsuit did not trigger additional insured coverage, as the allegations were not related to the acts or omissions of the named insured, either in whole or in part.
- Secured a complete win for a Hong Kong-based creditor, in a Florida district court. The court ruled in favor of our client, awarding over \$575,000 against the debtor's attorney and more than \$8.3 million against their client. The debtor and their attorney failed to move to vacate the awards within the three-month limitation period specified under the Federal Arbitration Act.
- Achieved a successful defense in a bad faith claim concerning the determination of resident relative status under the insured's auto policy.
- Obtained a defense verdict in arbitration for a Florida-based assisted living facility.
- Obtained judgment on the pleadings in a COVID-19 business interruption lawsuit brought by various hotel and casino properties.
- Partial summary judgment was obtained and affirmed by the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit as a result of the insured's violation of an aviation policy's pilot warranty.
- Summary judgment obtained as a result of the insured's violation of captain warranty in marine policy.
- Favorable settlement for national insurer in highly contested coverage dispute arising out of alleged error in insured's name.
- Favorable settlements in numerous first-party property cases involving property damage to residential and commercial properties.
- Summary judgment affirmed on appeal in an insurance dispute regarding whether discrimination claims were covered under a national diner chain's restaurant's policy.
- Enforcement of International Chamber of Commerce award involving the nature of disclosures that arbitrators must make.
- International Chamber of Commerce arbitration award for South American distributor of agrochemicals against multinational company, for breach of agreement to purchase agrochemical business, including

successful defense of motion to modify the arbitral award.

- Stopped litigation in Latin America brought by sales agent against multi-national corporation brought in violation of the parties' arbitral agreement.
- Vacated fraudulently obtained arbitration award for \$6.6 billion.
- Favorable settlement for aircraft maintenance and repair company against regional airline, following imposition of aircraft liens for unpaid debt.
- Representation of national real estate developer in claims against robotic garage manufacturer.
- Representation of South Florida real estate developer in claims adverse to condominium association pertaining to robotic garage.
- Favorable settlement for South American lender in claims against borrower and associates for conversion, fraud and conspiracy to defraud.
- Favorable settlement for state agency against collection attorney on claims for professional malpractice and disgorgement of attorney's fees in violation of bar rule requiring written contingency fee agreements, and successful defense at trial of counterclaim for quantum meruit attorney's fees.

Recognition

- *Daily Business Review*, Florida Legal Award Finalist for ESG Impacts, 2025
- Florida Bar, President's Pro Bono Service Award, 17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County, 2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2016 – 2025; Rising Star, 2009 – 2011, 2013 – 2015
- Russell E. Carlisle Advocacy Award, 2024
- *Florida Trend*, Florida's Legal Elite Up and Coming, 2014 – 2015
- John Edward Smith Pro Bono Award, Child Advocacy
- St. Thomas University School of Law, Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship

Credentials

Education

St. Thomas University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2000

University of Rochester, BA, *cum laude*, 1997

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Florida

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

US District Court for the District of Columbia

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida
US District Court for the Northern District of Florida
US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Languages

Spanish

Interests

Community/Civic Activities

- Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Board of Directors; Advice and Counsel Hotline, Pro Bono Volunteer
- The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, Voting Rights Restoration Project, Pro Bono Volunteer
- ProVisors Miami IV, 2023 – 2024
- Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County, President, 2016 – 2017; Secretary, 2013 – 2015; Board Member, 2012 – 2013

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Presenter, “LGBTQ+ Issues in the Legal Profession,” Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, August 21, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “*Philadelphia* LGBTQ+ Attorney Challenges & Legal Changes,” Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, August 14, 2025
- Panelist, “Can Insurance Protect Us? A U.S. and Canadian Perspective,” Annual Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair, New York, New York, July 29, 2025
- Keynote Speaker, “2025 Pro Bono Awards Ceremony,” St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law, Miami Gardens, Florida, April 9, 2025
- “Foreign Law Experts: Maximizing their Effectiveness to Win Your Case,” iLaw (International Law Section of the Florida Bar) Annual Conference 2019, Miami, Florida, February 2019
- International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Trends: What to Expect in 2016 and Beyond,” Live Webcast, January 2016
- “Litigation vs. Arbitration: Differences in Pleading, Practice & Procedure,” Live Webcast, July 2015
- “Trust Arbitration – Can it Work?,” ICC Young Arbitrator’s Forum, Nassau, Bahamas, July 2015
- “The Art of Persuasion & Oral Argument,” University of Miami School of Law’s Fundamentals of International Arbitration, Miami, Florida, January 2015

Publications

- Chapter 20, “Awarding Interest in Arbitration,” Wolter Kluwer’s *International Arbitration in the U.S.*, January 31, 2018

Media Mentions

- [“Fla. Atty, Client Can’t Escape Suit Over \\$6M Arbitration Award,”](#) *Law360*, April 1, 2022

Events

- Jenelle La Chuisa Presents on a Panel at the 2025 Annual Lavender Law Conference, Jul 29, 2025
- Jenelle La Chuisa Keynotes St. Thomas University College of Law 2025 Pro Bono Awards Ceremony, Apr 9, 2025

In The News

- A Blueprint for Law Firms: Jenelle E. La Chuisa Provides Insights Drawn from Hinshaw’s Award-Winning Pro Bono Initiatives, Dec 18, 2024

Press Releases

- Jenelle E. La Chuisa Honored as Recipient of 2025 Florida Legal Award for ESG Impact (Pro Bono), Apr 8, 2025
- Jenelle E. La Chuisa Appointed to Board of Directors of Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Mar 11, 2025
- Jenelle E. La Chuisa Selected as Recipient of 2025 President’s Pro Bono Service Award in the 17th Judicial Circuit, Jan 7, 2025
- Legal Aid Service of Broward County Names Hinshaw Law Firm of the Year and Honors Jenelle E. La Chuisa with 2024 Russell E. Carlisle Advocacy Award, Sep 10, 2024
- Hinshaw Legal Team Secures Nearly \$9 Million Win on Behalf of International Creditor in Florida, Apr 16, 2024

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