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About Jennifer

With almost a decade of experience, Jennifer represents aviation companies in litigation involving insurance claims, defense litigation, and federal and regulatory enforcement actions. She also handles contract disputes, wrongful death, and product liability. Her client roster includes aerospace manufacturers, aircraft and engine leasing companies, aircraft managers, 14 CFR Part 135 charter operators, fleet owners, foreign airline operators, flight schools, and 14 CFR Part 145 repair stations.

Jennifer also represents aviation professionals such as fixed base operators, pilots, and flight attendants, in personal injury and property damage claims.

In non-aviation matters, Jennifer represents clients in trucking and automobile accidents, first-party property actions, premises liability actions, § 1983 violation actions, and bankruptcy matters.

Jennifer's Affiliations

- Broward County Bar Association
- National Business Aviation Association
- Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Insurance; Professional Services

Services: Bankruptcy, Workout Strategic Planning & Restructuring;
Complex Commercial Litigation ; Complex Tort & General Casualty;
Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Obtained a jury verdict in favor of an aviation charter company client, including an award for punitive damages. Served as second chair of a jury trial in state court which involved the unlawful dissemination of intellectual property.
- Obtained summary final judgment in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida in favor of a major domestic, commercial airline in a personal injury action where the plaintiff alleged a “hard landing,” which caused her spinal fractures. Affirmed on appeal by the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
- Obtained a final order of dismissal for an international fixed base operator in a personal injury action where the plaintiff claimed common law negligence as to the provisions of “services” for the operation of an aircraft by arguing the claim was preempted by the Federal Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 (49 USC. § 41713(b)), which expressly preempted the action and other matters “relating to price, route or service of an air carrier.”
- Obtained an order directing an aircraft maintenance company to return an aircraft owned by an aircraft leasing corporation where it had perfected a lien against the aircraft but held onto possession of the aircraft in excess of three months in violation of Fla. Stat. § 85.011. Affirmed on appeal by the Third District Court of Appeal for the State of Florida.

Recognition

- Shepard Broad College of Law – Nova Southeastern University, Certificate of Concentration, International Law, 2007

Credentials

Education

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2007
Florida International University, BA, 2004

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

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
US District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

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

Languages

Spanish

Interests

Did you know...

When not in the office, Jennifer is spending time with her children and thinking about her next travel destination.

Outside of practicing law, Jennifer enjoys cooking, reading, traveling, and having fun with her two children.

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In The News

- Law360 Pulse Covers Headcount Growth in Hinshaw's South Florida Offices, Nov 15, 2023