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Jennifer R. Dixon is a pragmatic problem-solver. A shareholder in the firm's Litigation & Trial Practice Group and board certified in Appellate Law by the Florida Bar, she enjoys working closely with clients to determine the best solutions for their business or personal needs and strategizing how to achieve the best outcome possible.

An experienced and versatile civil litigator, Jennifer innately understands when an issue must be decided by a jury or a judge. She is also a certified mediator who recognizes when creative solutions can be used to effectively resolve a dispute on the parties' terms. Whether in the courtroom or at the settlement table, Jennifer is a zealous advocate who works tirelessly on behalf of her clients.

Jennifer handles civil, family law, and probate appeals on behalf of litigants and amicus curiae, and she has successfully defended judgments and obtained reversals in both state and federal appellate courts. She is also experienced handling administrative appeals before the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

Acting as outside general counsel for several private enterprises, Jennifer regularly provides recommendations on issues related to risk assessment, litigation and compliance oversight, and contract administration. Her clients come from a wide variety of industries, including real estate, hospitality, construction, themed entertainment, healthcare and outdoor advertising.

Jennifer is also an experienced family and marital lawyer, frequently handling matters concerning divorce, child custody, support, and prenuptial agreements.

The depth and diversity of Jennifer's legal experience affords her perspective in working with clients across all industries with varying legal needs.

ADMITTED

- The Florida Bar
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

EDUCATION

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2004)
- Berklee College of Music (B.M., 1990)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- ABA Appellate Judges Conference, Council of Appellate Lawyers, Executive Board Member
- Orange County Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee
- Florida State University College of Law, Alumni Board of Directors, Past President
- Orlando Repertory Theatre, Emeritus Council, Board of Directors (2010-2019), Past Chair

RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell Rating: AV
- Recognized as "Florida's Legal Elite," 2017 by Florida Trend Magazine
- Recognized as a "Florida Rising Star" 2010-2014 by Florida Super Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Orange County Bar Association; Member, Appellate Practice Committee
- American Bar Association; Executive Committee Member, Appellate Judges Conference, Council of Appellate Lawyers
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- President, Florida State University Moot Court Team, 2003-2004
- Associate Editor, Florida State University Law Review, 2003-2004

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- On behalf of an employer, obtained partial reversal of final judgment declining to enforce non-compete provision of employment agreement.
- On behalf of a beneficiary/surviving spouse, successfully defended probate court order that declined to adopt Sharia Law to govern the disposition of the decedent's personal property in Florida.

- On behalf of a local trade organization, appeared as amicus curiae in hotel tax appeal case challenging the local property appraiser's valuation methodology applied to resort hotels.
- Successfully defended a family court order that divided assets pursuant to a marital settlement agreement. Obtained a reversal, in favor of the client, with respect to attorneys' fee award.
- Obtained a reversal of a trial court order construing mandatory forum selection clause in hotel finance contracts.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Turnkey v. Gawad, 198 So. 3d 1029 (Fla. 5th DCA 2016)
- Securities and Exchange Commission v. North American Clearing, Inc., 656 Fed. Appx. 969 (11th Cir. 2016)
- Echeverria v. Bank of America, 632 Fed. Appx. 1006 (11th Cir. 2015)
- Yaffe v. Wells Fargo Bank, 151 So. 3d 1253 (Fla. 2d DCA 2014)
- Sizemore v. McCauley, 135 So. 3d 296 (Fla. 5th DCA 2014)
- Benaduce v. D'Onofrio, 100 So. 3d 709 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012)
- Nu-Vision, LLC v. Corporate Convenience, Inc., 965 So. 2d 232 (Fla. 5th DCA 2009)