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Elizabeth is a litigator and business lawyer who provides value at all stages of a dispute, from pre-litigation training on legal best practices to zealous advocacy in complex business and commercial lawsuits. She represents clients of all sizes and industries—including individuals, mom-and-pop businesses, and publicly traded Fortune 500 companies operating in finance, technology, health care, commercial lending, and insurance, among others.

As a former special education teacher, Elizabeth is first and foremost a problem solver. She successfully crafts creative arguments and negotiates innovative settlements in litigation, working to obtain optimal results for her clients. As a business partner, Elizabeth helps develop legal solutions that ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations within real-world parameters.

Having begun her legal career with the United States Department of Justice's U.S. Trustee Program, where she federally prosecuted bankruptcy fraud and abuse in civil cases, Elizabeth also has extensive experience representing creditors, commercial debtors, and other interested parties in all phases of Chapter 7, 13, 11, and Subchapter V bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings throughout the United States. She provides additional value by helping clients rework their policies, procedures, and business

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &
Insurance
Financial Services
Health Care
Real Estate, Construction &
Development
Technology

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

documents to comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Elizabeth's practice also includes representing commercial lenders and other financial services businesses in litigation involving loan defaults, foreclosures, appointments of receivers, assignments for the benefit of creditors, bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings, real property and business financing, and consumer protection statutes.

Elizabeth spent several years as a special education teacher in the Chicago suburbs before attending law school. While not working, she enjoys trying new restaurants and exploring the Tampa and Orlando regions with her family and friends.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2016

Illinois, 2016

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The Junior League of Tampa
- Tampa Bay Chamber
 - Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair, 2021-2022
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section
 - Fellowship Program, 2023-2025
- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
- Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
 - NextGen Program, 2023
- International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Hillsborough Education Foundation, Take Stock in Children Mentor, 2019-2023
- Tampa Connection, Class of 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude,
University of Illinois Chicago
School of Law, 2016

M.Ed., Special Education,
University of Illinois, 2007

B.A., English Language and
Literature, Northern Illinois
University, 2005

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Information Privacy
Professional for U.S. Private-
Sector (CIPP/US)

HONORS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2024-2026
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2024-2026
 - Financial Services Regulation Law, 2026
- Florida *Super Lawyers*: Rising Star, 2025