

Jill K. Schmidt

PARTNER



Jill is a member of the Litigation & Disputes Service Line, where her practice areas include civil trial practice, wrongful death and personal injury, construction law, and commercial law. She has successfully tried cases before juries and has presented appellate arguments in the First and Second District Courts of Appeal. Jill has experience in construction, trucking, personal injury/wrongful death, commercial, and product defect litigation, including the representation of clients in Florida and Alabama. She is a recipient of the highest peer rating standard, AV Preeminent, from Martindale-Hubbell, which is awarded to attorneys who exhibit professional excellence for their legal acumen, communication skills, and ethical standards.

Jill represents heavy highway construction companies and trucking fleets with operations throughout North America. In addition, she also has experience in pre-litigation dispute counseling and providing corporate training for accident investigations and preservation requirements. Her wide range of experience also includes representing clients in:

- Breach of contract
- Construction defect claims
- Complex commercial disputes

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes
Personal Injury and Wrongful
Death

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction, &
Development

- Product defect claims

Jill was a recipient of the 2019 Bennett Trial Advocacy Scholarship from the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section to participate in the South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation Advanced International Advocacy Course at Keble College in Oxford, England. During law school, Jill was a Judicial Intern for Chief Magistrate Stephen T. Brown, won the Advanced Moot Court Competition, was awarded Best Brief in the Advanced Moot Court Competition, received the John Evans Memorial Scholarship for excellence in trial advocacy, and received honors in Litigation Skills Pretrial and Trial courses.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States District Court, Middle District, Florida

United States District Court, Southern District, Florida

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar Association
- Clearwater Bar Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Florida Transportation and Builders Association
- Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers
- The Florida Bar Trial Lawyer's Section

HONORS

- AV[®] Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2025

Transportation & Logistics

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*,
University of Miami School of
Law, 2011

B.S., *cum laude*, Accounting
and Finance, University of
Central Florida, 2007