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# Meghan O. Serrano

PARTNER, LITIGATION & DISPUTES NATIONAL SERVICE LINE LEADER



Board certified in business litigation by the Florida Bar, Meghan practices in all phases of civil and business litigation. She regularly represents businesses and business owners, employers, insurers, banks, lenders, and landlords in both state and federal court at the trial level and on appeal. Meghan also counsels personal representatives, surviving spouses, trustees, and beneficiaries in trust and estate disputes.

Meghan has extensive experience representing:

- Businesses in contract disputes
- Insurers in all types of civil litigation
- Employers in disputes with employees, including claims involving misappropriation and theft of trade secrets and confidential information and violation of non-compete agreements
- Lenders in title claims, foreclosures, deficiencies, workouts, and real estate owned matters
- · Landlords in eviction actions and other lease disputes

With a passion for sharing her knowledge, Meghan is a contributing author in multiple supplements to LexisNexis' Foreclosures in Florida, which contain information she gained during the Great Recession while working with banks on loan defaults and foreclosure. She was selected by LexisNexis to author

#### **SERVICE LINE**

Litigation & Disputes

#### **INDUSTRY SECTOR**

Financial Institutions & Insurance Real Estate, Construction, & Development

#### **PRIMARY LOCATION**

Sarasota, FL

# **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Connecticut, 2004

their Commercial Mortgage Foreclosure (Florida), Residential Mortgage Foreclosure (Florida), Commercial Eviction (Florida), and Residential Eviction (Florida) Practice Notes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Meghan again was selected by LexisNexis to author a Florida Practice Alert: Does the Coronavirus Excuse Contract Performance?

Outside the courtroom, Meghan is passionate about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties and is the immediate past Board Chair.

## **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia, 2009

Florida, 2008

Massachusetts, 2004

United States District Court, Middle District of, Florida, 2009

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2016

United States Supreme Court, 2018

### **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- Leadership Sarasota, Class of 2020
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Immediate Past Chair, Board of Directors and Women Ambassadors; Chair, Board of Directors, 2021
- Clerk of Court Liaison, Sarasota County Bar Association
- Sarasota County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, Member
- Dishes for Wishes Co-Chair, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central & Northern Florida

#### **HONORS**

- AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- SRQ Media Group, 2023 Outstanding Non-Profit Board Member
- *SRQ Magazine*: 2022 Elite Top Attorneys, Commercial Litigation
- SRQ Magazine: 2020 Elite Top Attorneys, Business Law
- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2012 2019
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Board Member of the Year, 2020
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Board Member of the Year, 2017

B.A., *cum laude*, Boston College, 2001

