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📍 West Palm Beach

PRACTICES

Workers' Compensation

Employment and Labor

Chelsea E. Bellew

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Chelsea E. Bellew counsels and defends self-insured employers, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators in matters involving workers' compensation and employment issues in administrative, state, and federal courts throughout the state of Florida. She handles all aspects of claims from referral through closure, including legal assessment, counseling clients, discovery, trial, and appeal. Chelsea draws on several years of experience handling workers' compensation matters involving catastrophic injuries and permanent and total disability claims. Chelsea has also handled wage and hour claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act; issues related to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Family Medical Leave Act; and litigation for claims of discrimination, wrongful termination, and retaliation under federal and state laws.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*
 - Workers' Compensation Law – Employers, 2024-26
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2025
- "Top Lawyer," *Palm Beach Illustrated*, 2025

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

EDUCATION

- Ohio Northern University College of Law, J.D./LL.M., *cum laude*, 2015
 - *Ohio Northern Law Review*: Managing Editor
 - International Justice Mission: President
 - Legal Association of Women
 - Phi Alpha Delta Legal Society
- Denison University, B.A., 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar
 - Law Related Education Committee, 2025-present
 - Workers' Compensation Rules Committee, 2022-25
 - Constitutional Judiciary Committee, 2017-19
 - Protect Florida Democracy: Certified Speaker, 2017-19
 - Standing Committee on Judicial Administration and Evaluation, 2016-17
- Palm Beach County Bar Association

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PARTNER

- Young Lawyers Section, 2016-20
 - Lawyers for Literacy Committee, 2018-19
 - Professionalism Committee, 2016-18
 - Florida National Employment Lawyers Association: Treasurer, 2016-17
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Junior League of the Palm Beaches, 2016-present
 - President, 2023-24
 - President Elect, 2022-23
 - Board of Directors: Secretary, 2020-21
- Kappa Kappa Gamma, Volunteer, 2016-present
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, Women's Build Committee, 2025-present
- Leadership Engage Palm Beach County, Class of 2025
- ChildNet, Inc.: Board of Directors, 2021-25

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- “Combating Campaign Finance Corruption in the United States: Why a Grass Roots Approach is the Only Solution,” *Dayton Law Review*, 2016
 - “Secession in International Law: Could ISIS Become a Legally Recognized State?” *Law Review*, Ohio Northern University, 2015
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PRESENTATIONS

- “Florida Workers’ Compensation 101,” (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, April 30, 2025
- “Claims Investigation, Handling and Settlement Evaluation,” (Co-presenter), Client Presentation, June 18, 2024