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Valerie Shea

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Valerie Shea is a partner in the firm's Miami office and a leader of the GIS Florida team, with a focus on insurance coverage counsel and litigation. Valerie currently represents insurers in coverage actions, and advises them on a wide variety of coverage issues under policies that include directors and officers, employment practices, professional liability, and media liability. As a trial attorney, Valerie has represented insurers as well as automotive dealers and product manufacturers in high-value tort actions, employers in discrimination actions, and professionals sued for both professional liability and commercial claims. Valerie has tried more than 20 cases to a jury in state and federal courts and has represented clients in more than 50 appellate matters.

Valerie is active in her legal and local communities, and has been recognized for her leadership roles in prominent legal and civic organizations. A former president of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Valerie has also served on the board of Defense Research Institute (DRI) and served as regional vice chair for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Valerie has been recognized by DRI for spearheading diversity efforts, and has been recognized numerous times for her work with Election Protection, a non-partisan voting rights initiative. Valerie is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell and has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America since 2014.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Insurance Law, 2013–27
  - Litigation – Insurance, 2023-27
  - Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2027
- *Florida Trend* Legal Elite (top one percent of Florida lawyers)
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2008–10, 2014–16
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, 2010–18
- Florida Bar Outstanding President of Voluntary Association
- DRI Service Award

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth and Eleventh Circuits

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EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1984
  - *Nova Law Review*: Editor in Chief

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Valerie Shea

PARTNER

- National Moot Court Competition Winner
- Florida Atlantic University, B.A., *cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
  - Board of Directors, 2004 to present
  - Southeast Regional Co-Chair, 2012 to 2022
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
  - President, 2002
- Defense Research Institute
  - Board of Directors, 2004–07
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Election Protection

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PODCASTS

- Contributor, "Insureds in Bankruptcy," *Timely Notice*, March 19, 2019