

## Ceci Culpepper Berman

Ceci Culpepper Berman's practice involves all aspects of federal and state appellate litigation, with a focus on commercial litigation appeals. She also has extensive experience handling federal bankruptcy appeals and family law appeals.

**Associate Evaluation Committee**  
**Summer Associate Writing Committee**

### Presentations and Publications

#### Presentations

- "Recent Amendments to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure," Panelist, Hillsborough County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, January 4, 2012
- "Preparing Your Employees to Be Witnesses in Civil Cases," Speaker, Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium of the Association of Corporate Counsel West Central Florida Chapter, August 19, 2011
- "Family Law Appeals," Moderator, The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Section, Seminar, January 29, 2009
- "Practice in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals," Moderator, The Hillsborough County Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section, Seminar, December 3, 2008
- "Preparing for an Appeal," Speaker, The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice Seminar, October 8, 2010; November 13, 2008; October 5, 2007; & September 8, 2006
- "Issues on Appeal: Winners and Losers," Speaker, Florida Law for Insurance Professionals Seminar, October 25, 2006
- "Perfecting Your Civil Appeal," Speaker, The Florida Bar's Basic Appellate Practice Seminar, March 30, 2006
- "The Business of Insurance in Florida," Speaker, Tampa, FL, October 31, 2003

#### Publications

- "The Proper Use of Commercial Mechanisms in Family Law Matters," Author, *The Florida Bar Family Law Section Commentator*, Summer 2010
- "Enforcing Proposals for Settlement and Offers of Judgment in Federal Court: Mission Impossible?" Co-Author, *Florida Bar Journal*, December 2009
- "The Importance of Transcripts for the Record on Appeal," Author, *Hillsborough County Bar Association Lawyer*, March 2008
- "Pulling Together the Record on Appeal," Author, Chapter Two of *The Pro Se [Self-Represented] Handbook: Representing Yourself on Appeal*, and Assistant Editor, The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, 2008
- "When and Where Can Lawyers Cite Unpublished Opinions?" Author, Published in *Hillsborough County Bar Association Lawyer*, October 2007, and *The Record*, Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Summer 2007
- "Bankruptcy Appellate Procedure," Author of published materials presented at The Florida Bar Bankruptcy Appeals Seminar, March 8, 2007
- "Responding to Requests for Production," Author, Chapter in *The Defense Speaks*, A manual published by the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, 2006
- "Appeals During and After Arbitration - State and Federal Issues," Author, *The Florida Bar Journal*, January 2005
- "Responding to Requests for Electronic Documents and Data Bases: An Inside and Outside Perspective," Co-Authored, ABA Journal Meeting, published materials, April 2003
- "Standard for Design Defect: A Monograph," prepared by the ABA Section of Litigation's Product Liability Committee, Author, Contributor to 50 State Survey,



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#### Practice Areas

Appellate  
Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring

#### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2000  
B.A., with honors, University of Florida, 1997

#### Bar Admissions

Florida

#### Court Admissions

Florida State Courts  
U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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Georgia and South Carolina, 2003

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Litigation Section, Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Subcommittee of the Products Liability Committee, 2003; Tort and Insurance Practice Section; Young Lawyers Division
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida Appellate Court Rules Committee, 2009-2012
- The Florida Bar: Appellate Practice Section, Secretary/Treasurer, 2011-2012, Executive Council, 2008-2011, Programs Chair, 2007-2009, Continuing Legal Education Committee Chair, 2009-2011 and Vice-Chair, 2008-2009, Program Co-Chair of "Advanced Appellate Practice and Appellate Certification Review 2009," February 13, 2009, Program Chair of "Family Law Appeals," January 29, 2009, Marketing Chair of "The Art of Objecting: A Trial Lawyer's Guide to Preserving Error for Appeal," November 2007, Program Chair of Bankruptcy Appeals Seminar, March 8, 2007; Appellate Justice Conference, 2007; Trial Lawyers Section; Continuing Legal Education Committee, Representative, 2009-2012
- Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers: Scholarship Committee
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Appellate Section, Chair, 2008-2009, Co-Chair, 2007-2008; Law Week Committee, Chair of the Proclamations Subcommittee, 2003
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Leadership Tampa Bay Class of 2006
- The J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court: Barrister, 2007-2009

## Community Involvement

- Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce: Emerge Tampa Bay, GROW Segment
- Junior League of Tampa
- Mitchell Elementary Parent Teacher Association
- Tampa Gator Club
- University of South Florida Women in Leadership & Philanthropy, 2011-2012

## Distinctions

**AV Peer Review Rated** by Martindale-Hubbell

**Board Certified** in Appellate Practice, The Florida Bar

**Florida Legal Elite**, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2010-2011; ranked in the top 2% of practicing Florida Bar Members

**Florida Rising Star**, *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2009-2011

**Up & Comers**, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, 2010

**Up-and-Coming Legal Elite**, *Florida Trend Magazine*, 2007-2009

**40 Under 40**, *Gulf Coast Business Review*, 2006