



## Desislava K. Docheva

Associate

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Desislava Docheva is a skilled litigation lawyer focusing on complex litigation in federal and state courts.

Ms. Docheva is a trusted and strategic advocate whose diverse litigation experience in both the U.S. and Canada allows her to navigate high-stakes disputes and complex legal problems to deliver results for her clients. Ms. Docheva has a commercial litigation practice with an emphasis on contractual and business disputes, consumer fraud, and class action and insurance defense.

Desislava is fluent in Bulgarian (her native language) and English.



### Case Studies

- Trial Victory for LIHTC Investors - Litigation



### Representative Matters

- Successfully defended a national online retail client against multiple Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA) class actions filed in New York and Florida; cases were dismissed at the motion to dismiss phase before a class could be certified.
- Defending an automotive OEM against a class action brought under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) in state court.
- Defending a data privacy action filed by an individual against a national online retailer in California court.
- Acted as trial counsel for a leading communications infrastructure company in a jury trial in the Southern District of Florida, successfully defending breach of easement and punitive damages claims.
- Acted as trial counsel for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) limited partners in a consolidated bench trial in the Middle District of Florida, successfully enforcing limited partners' removal rights against general partners and defeating the general partners' claims for breach of partnership agreement.
- Defended a consumer class action in Florida against a large car manufacturer, successfully resolving case before class certification after filing a dispositive motion.
- Defended a consumer class action in Florida against a large food distribution company, defeating suit after filing dispositive motions.
- Defended a consumer class action in Florida against a large pharmacy chain, defeating suit after filing a dispositive motion.
- Acted as trial counsel for a leading chemical and technology company in a successful \$1.3 billion breach of contract and conversion claim against the operator of a jointly owned ethylene manufacturing facility in Canada.
- Acted as trial counsel for a subsidiary of a major oil and gas company successfully defending an alleged wrongful termination of an independent contractor.
- Acted as hearing counsel for a junior oil company in a securities hearing successfully defending insider trading and other allegations.
- Acted as appellate counsel for individual clients defending an appeal of a successful trial judgment and further successfully defending a leave to appeal application to the Supreme Court of Canada.

- Acted as pre-trial counsel for an international construction contractor advancing a multimillion dollar claim arising out of the design and construction of a magnesium oxide plant in Jordan.
- Acted as pre-trial counsel for a major Canadian bank in a mortgage fraud and unjust enrichment matter.
- Acted as summary trial and appellate counsel for an insurance company on a contentious, not settled point of law relating to insurance coverage.
- Acted as counsel on multiple files requiring interpretation of insurance policy coverage, including policies relating to business interruption, professional negligence, title insurance, third-party liability, and environmental pollution liability.
- Assisted in several complex arbitration matters arising out of construction and insurance disputes.
- Obtained a significant order granting summary judgment in favor of a property carrier, finding that the insured's eleventh hour attempt to satisfy Florida's supplemental claims statute by providing a "notice of intent to seek additional proceeds" was insufficient. This ruling prevented the carrier from being exposed to an appraisal where damages could have exceeded \$3 million dollars.
- Defended a plastic surgery medical practice against a class action lawsuit for violation of state privacy law.



## Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Baker Donelson's Food and Beverage Incident Response Team



## Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 2018, cum laude
  - Completed joint J.D./LL.M. in International Arbitration, July 2018
- University of Calgary, J.D., 2009
- University of Toronto, M.A. in Russian and East European Studies, 2006
- Sofia University Kliment Ohridski, B.A./M.A., 2000



## Admissions

- Florida, 2018
- Alberta, Canada, 2010
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit