



Melissa A. Campbell

Of Counsel

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Melissa Campbell advocates in court for her corporate and business clients in areas such as financial institutions litigation, consumer finance-related litigation, and complex business litigation. Her practice also includes representing lenders in the financing of industrial, commercial, and mixed-use projects throughout Florida.

Ms. Campbell regularly enforces and defends the rights of financial institutions in secured transactions litigation involving commercial and residential mortgage transactions. She also defends her corporate and business clients, who come from a wide variety of industries, throughout the state of Florida in both federal and state court in breach of contract and business tort litigation cases.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Ms. Campbell was actively recruited to serve as a senior corporate counsel and senior vice president for a leading financial institution's in-house legal department, where she advised executive leadership, supervised outside counsel across the financial institution's footprint, and negotiated loan workouts, while continuing to actively litigate matters on behalf of the financial institution. During this time Ms. Campbell managed hundreds of consumer and commercial cases being litigated throughout the Southeast, California, New Jersey, and New York.

In addition to serving as in-house counsel, Ms. Campbell has served as outside counsel litigating matters for major financial institutions and other corporate and business clients in federal and state court throughout the state of Florida. She also has extensive appellate experience having successfully served as lead drafting counsel on numerous appellate briefs and presenting successful oral arguments before Florida's District Courts of Appeal. Notably, Ms. Campbell is also licensed to practice law in Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

Representative Matters

- Primary counsel for a leading financial institution on the refinance of a \$20 million commercial loan secured by multiple properties throughout Florida.
- Successfully defended a major vehicle manufacturer in federal court, winning dismissal against plaintiff seeking class action alleging life threatening defect in the vehicle's electrical system.
- Successfully defended an airplane parts manufacturer and obtained payment of client's fees from plaintiff in a federal court lawsuit alleging tortious interference with contractual relationships.
- Successfully defended a major credit reporting agency by obtaining summary judgments and dismissal against state court lawsuits filed throughout Florida alleging a data breach exposed personal information of consumers.
- Successfully prosecuted and resolved countless residential and commercial mortgage matters resulting in the collection of millions of dollars for financial institution clients.
- Represented major Spanish-language television network in acquisition of Spanish-language radio to obtain DOJ approval of acquisition.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Capital Pro Bono 2021 Honor Roll
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation (2024 – 2026)
- Listed as a Florida Rising Star in the area of Business Litigation (2014 – 2016)



Webinars

- A Brave New World: The FDCPA in the Post-Hunstein Age (March 2023)



Education

- Tulane University School of Law, J.D., 2002, cum laude
- University of Florida, B.A., 1999, with honors



Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida