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OVERVIEW

With a 30+ year career as a trial attorney who has obtained rulings that have changed legal definitions, Kelley is a fierce advocate for clients. She practices from Naples, Florida as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Kelley represents clients in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters. She is board certified by the Florida Bar in Business Litigation and Civil Trial and concentrates her practice in commercial and business litigation, construction and real estate litigation, employment litigation, and trusts and estates litigation. Kelley represents individuals, corporate clients, family businesses, private companies, and professionals in a wide variety of matters including contract disputes, shareholder/partnership disputes, business torts, construction law, securities litigation, and employment law (representing employers only). In her employment litigation practice, Kelley represents employers in litigation and dispute resolution at the administrative agency level, as well as in court.

Kelley has litigated extensively in state and federal courts, handling matters across a broad spectrum of industries, including construction, banking, healthcare, manufacturing, broadcasting and media, real estate, and securities. The clients she serves include public and private companies, high net worth individuals, and family businesses. Kelley takes pride in her client relationships, many of which span decades, and works closely with clients and

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Trust, Estate, & Fiduciary Litigation

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their businesses, not only in litigation but by providing practical and meaningful advice and counseling on a wide variety of legal issues.

While Kelley works with clients from a diverse array of industries, she is particularly focused on real estate and construction, frequently representing developers and contractors and reviewing or preparing construction contracts for projects that range from single family residences to massive commercial shopping centers.

Kelley's natural habitat is the courtroom, and she has a deep passion for trying cases. She frequently represents clients in both bench and jury trials and—unusually for a Florida commercial litigator—has the high volume of jury trial experience necessary to qualify for the Florida Bar's Certification in Civil Trial Law. Kelley is known for her excellent memory for facts and details, her gift for thinking on her feet, and her ease at relating to juries—an often-overlooked but significant element in trials. She has secured victories for clients in state and federal court and on appeal. Prior cases have led to clarification of the statute governing unlicensed contractors in Florida, a jury's role in awarding damages in invasion of privacy claims, and a change in the definition of a "security" under Florida law.

A crucial part of the firm's growing Southeast presence, Kelley's practice is primarily Florida-based but stretches throughout the country. She often builds decades-long relationships with clients and seeks to understand their businesses and industries on a cellular level. Known as an aggressive advocate for clients' interests, Kelley has built a stellar reputation for her in-depth knowledge of clients and their needs.

Experience

- Represented clients in securities case involving purchase of stock in closely-held media education business, securing $2.2 million final judgment with attorney's fees. An en banc appeal also led to change in the legal definition of a "security" in Florida.
- Represented media company in invasion of privacy case brought by ex-partner of radio personality. Judge directed verdict in favor of client after week-long jury trial; one remaining claim settled after appeal.
- Represented developer client in case leading to clarification of the statute governing unlicensed contractors in Florida.
- Represented client in breach of agricultural contract claim and in defense of a counterclaim for total destruction of business seeking damages in excess of $2,000,000. After week-long jury trial, obtained verdict in favor of client on all claims and defeated the counterclaim.

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Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers In America®*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2010–2027
  - Litigation - Construction, 2010–2027
  - Litigation - Labor & Employment, 2010–2027
  - Best Lawyers® Construction Litigation "Lawyer of the Year," Fort Myers Metropolitan area, 2015 and 2022
- Martindale-Hubbell, Top Rated Litigator, 2019
- Florida Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2007, 2013, 2015–2025
- *Naples Illustrated* Top Lawyers
  - Business Litigation, 2026
  - Commercial Litigation, 2018-2024, 2026
- The National Law Journal, Legal Leaders: Woman Leader in the Law, 2018
- American Legion Post 135, Attorney of the Year, 2017
- The Florida Bar President's Pro-Bono Service Award – 20th Judicial Circuit, 2016
- Office of the Secretary of Defense, Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Patriot Award, 2016
- Best Lawyers in America, “Women in the Law” Business Edition, Labor & Employment Law, 2016
- Fortune Magazine, Women Leaders in the Law, 2015
- Collier County Women's Bar Association Woman Attorney of the Year, 2013
- Business Leader Magazine, Women Extraordinaire Award Recipient, 2011
- Collier County Women's Bar Association Special Recognition Award, 2009, 2023
- Legal Aid Service of Collier County Janeice T. Martin Equal Justice Award, 2009

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- Legal Aid Service of Collier County Attorney of the Month Award, 2008

Education

- J.D., University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law
  - with honors
- B.A., University of Florida
  - with high honors

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

Community Leadership

Kelley has close ties with several legal aid organizations and has worked with the Legal Aid Service of Collier County for more than 20 years. During her term as president of the Collier County Bar Association, she led the creation of the "Collier Lawyers Care" pro bono program the organization still offers. She is also a long-time member of LASCC's Advisory Board where she has founded several projects, including the Foreclosure Task Force in 2008 and the annual Wills for Heroes Program.

Kelley also serves on the Board of Directors for the Naples Players, a local theatre company.

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