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Carol is a nationally-recognized media lawyer routinely sought after as a speaker on media issues at national and statewide conferences. She practices at the trial and appellate levels, handling litigation concerning defamation and privacy, public records, open meetings, reporter subpoenas, court access and technology in the courtroom. She often leads statewide advocacy efforts on media issues, most recently involving access to Florida courts and Florida's anti-SLAPP law. Carol regularly renders pre-and post-publication advice on investigative news stories. She handles issues concerning newsgathering and technology – including smartphones, social media and drones. Carol has litigated many cases resulting in published opinions. In addition to media law, Carol is experienced in marketing law, web law and intellectual property matters. She manages trademark portfolios, policing programs and litigation for sophisticated corporations. Carol is a partner in TLo's Tampa office.

Carol is the Board of Trustees Chair for the First Amendment Foundation. She is a former board member of the Junior League of Tampa, former vice-chair of the Media Law Committee of The Florida Bar and co-chaired the Women in Communications Law Subcommittee of the ABA Forum on Communications Law. She has litigated capital habeas cases with other lawyers in the firm. Carol also serves as the Program Coordinator for End 68 Hours of Hunger – Tampa, a charity dedicated to eradicating hunger among school children. She is an active member of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church.



Representative Matters

Nat'l Collegiate Athletic Ass'n v. Associated Press, 18 So. 3d 1201, 1211 (Fla. 1st DCA 2009). Acted as lead counsel in seminal Florida case addressing multiple public records law issues.

Fla. Stat. § 768.295 (Florida's anti-SLAPP law). Testified before legislative committees, analyzed, participated in drafting and helped organize efforts to pass Florida's broadened anti-SLAPP law.

Remote Access to Court Records. For nearly a decade, lead national and statewide media coalitions advocating for remote access to Florida court records; many Florida counties are now moving from remote access pilot programs to full production.

Served as lead counsel litigating access to court records in many high profile cases including the murder of toddler Bradley McGee, and the criminal prosecution of triple-murderer Oba Chandler.

Supervises large trademark portfolios for high-profile businesses and manages their policing programs and trademark litigation.

Appearances and Publications

Lead Facilitator, Access & Newsgathering Panel, Forum on Communications Law, American Bar Association (2014-16).

Speaker, When FERPA and the First Amendment Clash on Campus – Lessons Learned from AP v. NCAA, Media & The Law Conference (2011).

Prepublication/Prebroadcast Panelist, New Legal Visions For The Evolving Media World, NAA/NAB/MLRC Media Law Conference, Media Law Resource Center (2008).

PRIMARY PRACTICES

Media Law

Trademark & Copyright

Defamation & Invasion of Privacy

Newsgathering / Access

EDUCATION

JD, University of Florida, 1986

BA, Troy State University, 1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

Middle District of Florida

Southern District of Florida

Northern District of Florida

11th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

CLASSES / SEMINARS

Speaker, Media Issues, National and Statewide Conferences

RECOGNITIONS

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

Best Lawyers in America

Florida Super Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, Communications Law Section, Member

The Florida Bar, Member, Media Law Committee

First Amendment Foundation, Inc., Member, Board of Trustees Chair

American Bar Association, Forum on Communications Law, Former Co-Chair, Women in Communications Law Committee

The Florida Bar, Former Vice-Chair, Media Law Committee

Junior League of Tampa, Inc., Former member, Board of Directors