



Donna M. Krusbe

Of Counsel

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Donna Krusbe is an experienced attorney who handles appeals in state and federal courts and provides litigation support at the trial level to ensure the best appellate outcome. Donna has represented municipalities, hospitals, physicians, universities and insurers in the defense of claims related to medical malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury, general liability, premises liability, bond forfeiture and civil rights violations.

Donna joined Wilson Elser from a firm specializing in defense of litigation, handling appeals, and real estate, zoning and local government law. Previously, she was a staff attorney for the Honorable George A. Shahood at Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1992)
 - Entertainment and Sports Law Review
- Auburn University (B.S. Spanish and International Trade, 1986)

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Services

- Appellate

Professional Affiliations

- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Martin County Bar Association
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- Palm Beach County Bar, Appellate Practice Section; County Bar Circuit Civil Committee

Awards & Honors

- AV Preeminent® Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Languages

- Spanish

Representative Matters

In the Supreme Court of Georgia, successfully defended a \$2.5 million wrongful death verdict against claims that the minor child's representative had no statutory standing to bring the action.

Successfully defended summary judgment in favor of county detention center on prisoner's claims of civil rights violations.

Obtained dismissal of complaint against hospital for negligent retention of doctors based on plaintiff's failure to comply with the Medical Malpractice pre-suit requirements.

Obtained favorable opinion broadening the comparative fault defense in medical malpractice cases to apply to patients who fail to exercise adequate care for their own safety.

Publications

March 28, 2023

Florida's New Tort Reform Package: Placing Responsibility on Plaintiffs for Their Own Negligence

Client Wins

Freeman, Greco & Krusbe Prevail on Motion to Dismiss Product Liability Case

Nicholas D. Freeman (Partner-Orlando, FL), J. Peter Greco (Of Counsel-Orlando, FL), and Donna Krusbe (Of Counsel-West Palm Beach, FL) obtained a full dismissal with prejudice in a federal product liability case arising from a fatal vehicle crash. The firm represented a component parts manufacturer accused of designing and supplying a defective trailer axle

alleged to have contributed to the incident. The plaintiff alleged that a defective trailer axle required the decedent to stop on the highway, and that resulted in the decedent being struck by another motorist. Nick, Peter, and Donna successfully argued that there was an unrelated motor vehicle collision that was the true proximate cause of the collision with the decedent, and it was unforeseeable that an alleged axle failure could result in a death under those circumstances. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida agreed and dismissed all claims with prejudice.