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Elise Madere Lee focuses her practice in the areas of insurance coverage matters, appellate practice and defending general liability matters. She has extensive experience representing clients in civil and criminal matters, and represents businesses and individuals during all aspects of litigation in several courts throughout Louisiana. Elise has significant courtroom experience, pre-trial and trial, and has conducted extensive written and oral motion practice.

Elise began her law career as a prosecutor in New Orleans before moving on to an area boutique law firm specializing in all aspects of divorce, child custody and division of property cases from pre-litigation to trial or settlement and appeal. She also served as a law clerk for the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.

Education

- Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center (J.D./D.C.L., 2014)
 - Moot Court Board Member; CALI Award in Legal Research and Writing
- Loyola University New Orleans (B.A., 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Louisiana

Professional Affiliations

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Transportation
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- 22nd Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) Bar Association

Client Wins

Silas and Lee Limit Plaintiff to Cross-Examination Only with Strategic Motions Granted

Kimberly Silas (Of Counsel-New Orleans) and Elise Madere Lee (Associate-New Orleans) successfully argued a motion in limine and a motion to strike the plaintiff's witness and exhibit list on behalf of a condominium association, in a case pending in Orleans Parish Civil District Court. The plaintiff's claims include property damage and a breach of contract. The court issued a scheduling order in July 2023 and specified pre-trial deadlines. The plaintiff's counsel failed to comply with any of the deadlines. Kimberly and Elise filed motions to compel discovery, but the plaintiff failed to appear for the scheduled hearing. The ongoing lack of cooperation exhibited throughout the case includes the plaintiff's failure to file a witness or exhibit list. In response, Kimberly and Elise filed a motion in limine to prevent the plaintiff from presenting any evidence or witnesses at trial. The opposition to the motion was due on June 20, 2024, but no filing occurred until June 26, 2024. Accordingly, Wilson Elser moved to strike the opposition and the plaintiff's witness and exhibit list. At the June 28, 2024, hearing, the court granted Kimberly and Elise's motion in limine and the motion to strike the witness and exhibit list, informing the plaintiff that he is only permitted to cross-examine witnesses at trial.