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Jacqueline Bertelsen maintains a robust practice defending clients in matters including product liability, professional liability, trucking and transportation, and complex tort and general casualty cases. She also handles appeals and provides litigation and trial support to ensure the best appellate outcome. As a member of the firm's Art Law Practice, Jacqueline also is making her presence felt as a formidable litigator and a regular contributor to the firm's popular Art Law Perspectives blog.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Jacqueline worked in the appellate and litigation support division at a large Florida-based insurance defense firm. While in law school, she served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Margaret H. Schreiber, Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In addition, Jacqueline acquired substantial knowledge as a research assistant to renowned Water Law and Environmental Law Professor Robert Abrams for two years as a law student. She also was a Fellow of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Cooperative Science Center and a Federal Honors Intern at the Environmental Appeals Board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

Professional Liability

Jacqueline defends claims against attorneys and other licensed professionals. She has a background in obtaining Bar approvals for advertising and other professional responsibility guidance. She also has experience with Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA).

Product Liability

Jacqueline has defended a wide range of product liability cases, including claims concerning tires, wheels, industrial equipment, food products, medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Services

- Appellate
- Art Law
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Transportation

Jacqueline has extensive experience litigating complex and catastrophic claims involving uninsured motorists, automobile and trucking accidents; environmental; property damage; premises liability; and other general liability claims.

Trucking, Transportation & Cargo

Jacqueline has defended trucking companies in lawsuits involving catastrophic personal injury losses or wrongful death cases. She also has experience with regulation compliance.

Art Law

Having studied at the Tulane-Siena Institute for International Law, Cultural Heritage & The Arts in Siena, Italy, Jacqueline is highly familiar with the international structures in place to combat the illegal trade of art and antiquities, and with the frameworks in place to facilitate legitimate transactions. She also can assist with claims involving theft or damage. Her broad range of knowledge and litigation experience allows her to assist with all aspects of claims involving artworks and art professionals.

Appeals

Jacqueline provides litigation and trial support across Florida. She also devotes a portion of her practice to dispositive motions.

Education

- Florida A&M University College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2016)
 - editor in chief, The Florida A&M University Law Review
- Florida State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1998)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- American Bar Association

Languages

- Spanish

Client Wins

Bertelsen, Sheehan and Krebbs Secure Appellate Win Upholding Summary Judgment Victory for Nursing Home Client

Jacqueline Bertelsen (Of Counsel-Orlando) Noelle Sheehan (Partner-Orlando) and Melissa Krepps (Of Counsel-Orlando) successfully had their summary judgment victory upheld in the Florida Sixth Circuit Court of Appeal in a nursing home negligence and wrongful death lawsuit. Noelle and Melissa relied on provisions of an asset purchase agreement to prevail on their motion for summary judgment. Following the entry of summary judgment, the plaintiff moved for rehearing. Noelle and Melissa brought in Jacqueline Bertelsen from the firm's Appellate Practice group to assist. Jacqueline opposed the motion for rehearing as untimely, and the trial court agreed. The plaintiff then appealed to Florida's Sixth District. The Sixth District issued an Order to the plaintiff to show cause as to why the appeal should not be dismissed as untimely. The plaintiff argued that the untimely appeal was due to counsel's excusable neglect. Jacqueline worked with Noelle to prepare a comprehensive response brief that demonstrated the legal insufficiency of the plaintiff's brief and revealed factual inconsistencies between the plaintiff's argument and the record. As a result, the Sixth District dismissed the appeal and upheld summary judgment for our client. This victory demonstrates how Wilson Elser's attorneys work seamlessly across practice areas to deliver successful client outcomes.