



Leia Leitner

Of Counsel

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Leia Leitner is an experienced complex commercial litigator in federal and state courts. Her practice focuses primarily on art law, cannabis law, complex tort and general casualty, construction litigation, and intellectual property and brand protection.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Leia was an associate at a boutique law firm in Maitland, Florida, where she focused primarily on class action matters filed by consumers relating to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). In this capacity, she represented corporations, collection agencies, debt buyers and credit reporting agencies. She also prepared copyright and trademark applications for new business owners and entertainment clients.

Leia also worked as an associate attorney for a boutique intellectual property and technology firm in Orlando, Florida, where she focused on all aspects of copyright, trademark prosecution, business litigation, government investigations, and *qui tam* actions filed under the False Claims Act. She also drafted settlement agreements and negotiated contracts for matters involving sports, music and entertainment law.

Leia brings a wide range of legal knowledge working in various practice areas.

Art Law

Leia provides reliable legal counsel to virtually all participants in the creation, licensing, sale, lending, gifting, merchandising and display of art. Leia represents artists, collectors and buyers, sellers, insurers, gallerists and dealers, consultants and museums.

Cannabis Law

Leia advises new business owners within the legalized cannabis industry and organizations outside the industry on the impact of the rapidly evolving state and federal

Services

- Art Law
- Cannabis Law
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Intellectual Property & Technology

regulatory landscape.

Intellectual Property / Brand Protection

Leia handles the prosecution and defense of trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation on behalf of restaurants, nonprofit organizations, and clothing and health care companies. She has successfully litigated and defended copyright infringement claims and handled trade secret and trademark infringement litigation on behalf of various companies, and is experienced in Lanham Act litigation.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Leia handles pre-suit and litigation matters for complex and catastrophic claims involving automobile and trucking accidents, environmental property damage, premises liability and other general liability claims.

Education

- Florida A&M University College of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Book Award, Upper Level Writing Course “Children and the Constitution”; Research Assistant
- University of California, San Diego (B.A. Political Science, 2003)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

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

Professional Affiliations

- Grievance Committee, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2022–2025
- President, Federal Bar Association – Orlando Chapter, 2023-2024
- Board Member, Lake Mary Woods Homeowners Association, 2016-2023
- Programs Chair, Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, 2022-2023
- Consumer Protection Law Committee, Florida Bar, 2021–2022
- Intellectual Property Committee, Orange County Bar Association, 2021–2022
- Co-chair, Law Day 5K, Orange County Bar Association, 2021–2022
- Class VIII, The Florida Bar Leadership Academy, 2020–2021
- President, Greater Orlando Asian American Bar Association, 2019-2020

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™, 2024-2025
- Selection to Florida Trend's 2022 Florida Legal Elite
- Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™ Personal Injury Defense and Intellectual Property, Florida, 2022
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch in the area of Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2022-2023
- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers® Florida Rising Stars™, 2019–2023

Representative Matters

Obtained successful resolution for a restaurant against claims by music company for copyright infringement based on public performance of cover songs.

Successfully resolved trademark infringement claims against an entity that pitched an idea to “Shark Tank” using client’s trademarks.

Defeated trademark infringement claims at trial against apparel company. Ultimately, obtained attorneys’ fee award for defending the claim against one of the defendants who brought claim in bad faith.

Obtained temporary restraining order against entity displaying defamatory statements on a hard-coded popup on website.

Successfully defended client against a preliminary injunction motion filed against a technology company.

Publications

March 26, 2024

Fourth Circuit Reverses \$1 Billion Award for Vicarious Liability Claim for More than 10,000 Works

June 12, 2023

Supreme Court Limits Transformative Use Standard in Warhol Foundation v. Goldsmith

October 22, 2022

Center for Art Law Publishes Farmer, Leitner and Maharaj on Warhol v. Goldsmith SCOTUS Oral Arguments

Center for Art Law

August 9, 2022

Ninth Circuit Reverses Ruling in Copyright Infringement Case Involving Photographs of Picasso's Artworks

June 13, 2022

Ninth Circuit Rules Hemp-Derived Delta-8 THC Products Are Federally Legal, Creating Broad Implications for the Hemp, Marijuana and Insurance Industries

March 15, 2022

U.S. Supreme Court Reverses Ninth Circuit, Holding that a Mistake of Law Can Excuse an Inaccurate Copyright Registration

March 10, 2022

U.S. Copyright Office Weighs in on AI-Created Art, Jeff Koons Claims a Sculpture Is a Useful Article and Other Stories

November 18, 2021

National Law Review Publishes Farmer, Fisher, Taylor and Leitner on Recent Third Circuit Decision Impacting Immunity Granted to Internet Platforms

October 29, 2021

Third Circuit Takes an Anti-Platform View in Interpreting the Communications Decency Act, Creating a Circuit Split