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Monika Ledlova represents individuals and businesses in all aspects of civil litigation. Her practice focuses on the defense of claims related to general liability, including personal injury, premises liability, product liability, construction defects and various complex torts.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Monika worked at a boutique firm in Miami, Florida, and a national firm, where she defended corporate clients in litigation involving first-party property insurance and toxic tort disputes. Previously, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Jill R. Cummins in the Montgomery County Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, where she honed her legal research skills and drafted detailed case briefs. Monika's undergraduate and law school years in Washington, D.C., exposed her to a broad range of legal education, including various internships. During law school, she gained valuable insight into courtroom dynamics and procedures as a judicial intern for the Honorable Zuberi B. Williams in the District Court of Maryland, District Six, and the Honorable Rainey R. Brandt in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. She served as a legal intern in the Office of the General Counsel at the Federal Maritime Commission and the Office of International Affairs at the United States Department of Justice.

Education

- Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (J.D., 2017)
 - Faculty Merit Scholarship
 - Quinn Scholars Award
 - Associate, Catholic University Journal of Law and Technology
 - Co-Dean, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
- American University (B.A., 2012)

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty

- Washington Mentorship Program

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Florida

Court Admissions

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

Clerkships

The Honorable Jill R. Cummins, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Chi Omega Sorority, Eta Lambda Chapter

Languages

- Bulgarian

Client Wins

Pfeifer, Chacon & Ledlova Secure Final Summary Judgment for National Retail Client

Miami, Florida, partners Russell M. Pfeifer and Raul J. Chacon and associate Monika Ledlova secured final summary judgment in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court on behalf of a national retail client in a premises liability action. The plaintiff alleged she suffered injuries including a traumatic brain injury when a 25-pound metal price sign fell from the top of a large metal safe inside the store. Monika Ledlova argued the motion, successfully demonstrating that surveillance video clearly showed the plaintiff shaking the metal safe immediately before causing the sign to fall off and strike her in her head, thereby causing her own injuries. The team argued that the metal sign was open and obvious, and that no dangerous or concealed condition existed on the premises. The court agreed, granting summary judgment in favor of our client and finding no breach of duty under Florida law. This decisive win underscores the team's strategic use of video evidence and persuasive advocacy in defeating unsupported premises liability claims. The victory also positions our client to recover attorneys' fees and taxable costs under applicable Florida statutes, further solidifying a complete defense outcome.

Miami Team Secures Appellate Victory Following Successful Summary Judgment

Miami, Florida, partners Raúl J. Chacón Jr. and Russell M. Pfeifer and associate Monika Ledlova secured an appellate victory in the Third District Court of Appeal with a written opinion affirming summary judgment they obtained in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court in

a case involving a national retail client. The plaintiff filed a negligence lawsuit after tripping over a wooden display pallet at our client's retail store. The trial court granted summary judgment based on the open and obvious doctrine, after the Miami team argued there were no hazardous conditions present on the premises and that the plaintiff's fall resulted from her own lack of attention. Surveillance video of the incident played a pivotal role in supporting the team's argument, showing the plaintiff's failure to follow the designated pathway, and subsequently tripping over a wooden pallet on her second visit to the store the same day. The trial court ruled in favor of our client, granting summary judgment, and following a request for rehearing by the plaintiff reaffirmed its decision. The plaintiff appealed to the Third District Court of Appeal, which affirmed the summary judgment citing case law referenced in our answer brief. This win serves as a crucial precedent, strengthening the defense position for property owners and retailers statewide and opens the plaintiff to the recovery of taxable costs.