

Sarah M. Baggett, Director

Overview



Sarah Baggett is on speed dial for her clients who run into complex legal situations in the realm of bad faith, cyber security, liability, and first-party property. She has litigated and tried cases throughout the state of Florida. In recent years, Sarah has specialized in bad faith defense and has been instrumental in developing and

overseeing general litigation strategies and approaches to emerging trends in first-party property cases.

Sarah enjoys assisting her clients through the everyday challenges and complexities of litigation, with an eye toward achieving their business goals – whether that means an early, strategic settlement or taking the matter to the courtroom. Understanding that her clients have full plates and challenging budgets, she offers early case analysis and a resolution strategy designed to save them time and money and to free their internal resources for productive business pursuits.

Sarah is a third-generation Floridian and an avid Gator fan.

Representative Matters

- Created and oversaw global strategy for corporate client defending against mass litigation pursued by assignment of benefits contractors. Resulted in six figure recovery of attorney fees for client either via sanctions or as the prevailing party in dispositive motions and more importantly, a significant slowdown of meritless litigation against the client.
- Obtained complete defense verdict for our client in a Charlotte County, Florida, Trial involving involving a cast iron pipe/trenching case, where the jury decided in our client's favor – that there was no direct physical loss.
- Created and oversaw defense strategy for condominium owners being sued for property subrogation claims with no evidence of negligence on the part of the owners. Received more than 40 outright dismissals with no monies paid in favor of the condominium owners as well as significant slowdown of the litigation against the owners.
- Obtained final summary judgment in favor of a real estate brokerage after the plaintiff, who fell victim to hackers, sought to recover against our client under a theory of negligence. We successfully argued that there was a valid exculpatory clause in a related sales contract that shielded our client from liability.

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Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Florida College of Law, 2003
- B.A., Furman University, 1997

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

Associations

- Hillsborough County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
- Barrister Member of the Tampa Bay Inn of Court
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)