

# GALLOWAY

Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith

## Catherine V. Arpen

### SPECIAL COUNSEL

✉ carpen@gallowaylawfirm.com

📍 Primary Office: [Jacksonville, FL](#)

📞 O: (904) 659-0057



### ABOUT CATHERINE

Meticulous, dedicated, and thorough, Catherine Arpen skillfully develops strong defense strategies on behalf of her clients, with an eye towards results that meet their business objectives, whether through settlement or litigation. She extensively evaluates each case, conducting interviews and ascertaining all relevant facts. Catherine is in constant communication with her clients, addressing updates and issues immediately, partnering with her clients to keep them informed and equipped to make the best decisions possible.

Catherine's clients appreciate her compelling case development, responsiveness, and collaboration with them and their adjusters. She uses proven strategies and early defense detection to deftly manage each matter. Catherine focuses her practice on general liability insurance defense, premise liability, commercial and non-commercial Motor Vehicle Accident, civil rights defense, products liability, and commercial litigation in the hospitality, retail, restaurant, trucking, and transportation industries.

Catherine practices law in her hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. An outdoor enthusiast, she loves camping, skydiving, scuba diving, and hiking, and she has even hiked sections of the Appalachian Trail and summited a 14,000-foot mountain in Colorado twice. Catherine enjoys spending time with her daughters, grandkids, and her German Shepherd, Scout.

### Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Defense & Coverage  
Premises Liability  
Product Liability  
Trucking

### Industries

Amusement, Entertainment,  
Hospitality & Sports  
Commercial/Corporate  
Retail & Restaurant  
Transportation

### Education

- J.D., Florida Coastal School of Law
- B.A., Political Science, University of North Florida

### Admissions

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

## **Representative Matters**

- Won summary judgment in premise liability case where Plaintiff claimed he slipped and fell on water, but Plaintiff failed to substantiate his claim with substantive competent evidence but rather, tried to impermissibly stack inferences.
- In commercial MVA, successfully settled case for \$750K when boardable medicals were \$830K and carrier exposure was \$10 million.
- Successfully received sanctions against Plaintiff's counsel and Order for Involuntary Dismissal in 3 cases using the Kozel factors for Plaintiff's attorney misconduct.
- Obtained settlement using PFS for \$10K in premise liability case, with threat of Defendant's summary judgement hearing approaching and Plaintiff's last offer was \$400K.

Florida

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

## **Associations**

- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Florida International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU), North Florida Chapter
- Jacksonville Claims Association
- Jacksonville Women Lawyer Association
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Ferguson-White American Inn of Court, Barrister, 2021-2022
- Florida Bar Association