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ABOUT CHRISTINE

Christine Freer believes that in addition to procuring desired outcomes for clients, a key to being a successful litigator is effective communication. She understands the importance of listening to her clients, recognizing their expectations, and keeping them thoroughly informed at every step of the litigation process.

Christine's practice is focused on general liability and casualty litigation for primary carriers, including claims for construction defects, admiralty and maritime issues, contracts and first-party insurance disputes, homeowners' insurance claims and insurance bad faith claims. She regularly defends general contractors, roofers, suppliers and HVAC contractors in construction defect litigation. She also represents contractors in property damage litigation. In addition, Christine represents professionals, including attorneys, in professional liability allegations and claims.

Prior to joining the firm, Christine served as an Assistant Public Defender in Miami-Dade County, Florida, where she litigated more than 15 jury and bench trials and countless evidentiary hearings to protect her clients' constitutional rights. This experience has provided her with not only the ability to try a matter to verdict or obtain a pre-trial resolution, but also to advise her clients on the benefits and risks of each option.

Christine loves animals and regularly participates in the Walk for Animals and Humane Society programs.

Practices

Construction Litigation
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Premises Liability

Industries

Commercial/Corporate
Construction

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law
- B.A., Marketing and Management, Florida Atlantic University

Admissions

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

Associations

- The Florida Bar

Representative Matters

- Reached a favorable settlement in a highly-contested maritime case related to the loss of charter income and crew wages for a seven month period. The initial demand was for \$1.33 MM, and, after receiving summary judgement for the crew wages, the case settled for \$300,000.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a first-party carrier related to a new policy and limit of liability for water loss.
- Secured an early settlement for a concrete contractor in a subrogation matter with a \$1.5MM demand. The case settled for \$125,000.
- Obtained summary judgement in a case related to first-party property water loss. The plaintiff's expert was unable to prove their claim in court.