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About Easley Appellate Practice PLLC

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth & Eleventh Circuits, Florida District Courts of Appeal & the U.S. and Florida Supreme Courts

Easley Appellate Practice PLLC is serious about strategic litigation support for high-risk cases and appellate practice. We are a leading statewide Federal and Florida appellate law firm, from Miami to Tallahassee. Supervising attorneys are Florida Bar board certified appellate specialists, after being rigorously screened and tested. Out of almost 90,000 Florida lawyers, fewer than 200 are board certified appellate specialists.

We have decades of experience in civil and family law appeals, business and commercial appeals, criminal appeals, labor and employment appeals, health, administrative and zoning law appeals, and complex matters. We only handle appellate law and strategic litigation support.

From the trial to the Supreme Court, and in the federal U.S. Courts of Appeals for all Circuits, and all Florida District Courts of Appeal, we are committed to achieving the best results.

Our Appellate Process

Our board certified appellate attorneys will examine the original ruling and trial process, identifying which potential appellate issues to emphasize and which to either de-emphasize or abandon. We analytically examine what has taken place, thus far, and review in-depth all potentially applicable legal theories and appeal strategies, ultimately leading to the written briefs.

In addition to trial verdict appeals, we handle appeals from other judgments, including motions to dismiss final orders, summary judgments, appealable nonfinal orders, writs of certiorari, writs of prohibition. We also work on post-judgment motions to enhance the strength of an appeal, should one become necessary.

What You Can Expect from EAP PLLC

- Forensic attention to detail and meticulous review of your case and court file
- Exhaustive research
- The expertise to appreciate and “speak the appellate judges’ language” as the appeal is presented
- A deep, experienced understanding of the appeal process and appellate law
- Exceptional, award-winning writing ability that converts legalese into understandable, effective prose
- Our established, professional reputations among the judges who serve in the Courts of Appeal



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Litigation Support & Trial Assistance

Litigation Support is our firm's second area of expertise. A small trial law firm had only 48 hours to file a response to a temporary restraining order that raised a myriad of appellate issues. A small law firm found itself with two complex appellate briefs and an extraordinary writ due the same month. An in-house counsel for a Florida financial company found herself covered by a mass of dispositive summary judgment motions. In each case, a call to our firm for trial support with an appellate perspective or full appellate support was the solution.

Let's be realistic. In a high stakes case, the losing party can be expected to appeal. So it is just good, common sense to have appellate counsel involved early, with the objectivity, expertise and focus to consider the tactics and strategies that ultimately win the case in front of a jury, promote settlement on appeal, or win the ultimate appeal.

Even before trial, we can efficiently assist in areas at risk for later appeal or reversal on appeal:

- Motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, motions for directed verdict, memoranda of law in opposition, jury instructions, verdict forms, motions for and opposition to new trials

- Post-trial and post-judgment motions to enhance the strength of the appeal as an appellant or keeping the successful judgment as an appellee

Our attorneys are each exceptional writers and compelling speakers. They are each fluent in the language of appellate procedures. They each possess outstanding ability in civil appeals, and each has substantial experience in litigation in a variety of areas, including business, family law, health, insurance, intellectual property and both business and personal torts.

All are highly accomplished and respected appellate attorneys. They have developed strong working relationships with law firms and with the District Courts of Appeal judges across the state and the federal appellate courts. Their expertise, reputation and experience have proven invaluable to win difficult *and* complex cases.



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Some Quick Facts About Dorothy Easley, Founder and Primary Supervisor

Professional

- Appellate Law: Federal & State in Civil, Administrative & Criminal, Business Law: Commercial, Contracts and Business Torts, Intellectual Property , ERISA, Civil RICO, FDUTPA, Antitrust, Consumer Protection Actions, Health Law & Medical Malpractice Law Defense, Constitutional, Entertainment, Intellectual Property (Trademark & Copyright) & Employment Law, Family Law
- Adjunct Professor, University of Miami School of Law, since 2007.
- Immediate Past Chair, Florida Appellate Practice Section, 2010-11
- Chair, Florida Appellate Practice Section ("APS"), 2009-10
- Chair Elect, APS, 2008-09.
- Vice Chair, APS, 2007-08.
- Membership Director, Third District Court of Appeal Historical Society, 2010-present
- Delegate, APS, Florida Bar Council of Sections, 2007-present.
- Secretary, APS, 2006-07.
- Chair, APS Special Subcomm on Appellate Board Recertification Standards, 2006-07.
- Vice Chair, Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee ("ACRC"), 2008-09.
- Chair, ACRC, General Practice Subcomm, 2008-09.
- Secretary, ACRC, 2007-08.
- Member, ACRC, 2004—09.
- Chair, ACRC Orientations Subcomm, 2006-07
- Member, ACRC E-filinSubcomm, 2005-09.
- Member, ACRC Rules Criminal Law Subcomm, 2007-08.
- Member, ACRC Civil Rules Subcomm, 2005-08.
- Member, ACRC Records on Appeal Subcomm, 2004-09.
- Treasurer, APS, 2005-06.
- Chair, APS Pro Se Appellate Handbook Committee, 2005-09.
- Chair, APS Website Committee, 2005-06.
- Vice Chair, APS Website Committee, 2004-05.
- Editor-in-Chief, *The Record, Florida Journal of the Appellate Practice Section*, 2004-05.
- Elected Member, APS Executive Council, 2003-05.
- Member, APS Publications Committee, 2001-09.
- Member, Florida Defense Lawyers *Amicus* Committee, 2005-09.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Trial Advocate Quarterly*, 2005-09.



Professional Recognition

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Appellate Law.
- AV Rated Preeminent, Martindale Hubbell.
- Ranked Top 100 Lawyers, South Florida, in *Super Lawyer Magazine* 2010.
- Ranked Top 50 Women Lawyers, Florida, in *Super Lawyer Magazine*, since 2009
- Florida Bar 2009 Excellence in the Promotion of Board Certification



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- Florida Bar APS Pro Bono Service Award, 2007-08
- Since 2008 Legal Elite (top 1.9 percent of all Florida Lawyers), *Trend Magazine*
- Since 2006 Top Appellate Lawyer, *South Florida Legal Guide*.
- Since 2006 Florida Super Lawyer (top 5 percent Florida lawyers), *Super Lawyer Magazine*.
- Florida Appellate Practice Section Award for Significant Contributions, 2012-13.
- Florida Appellate Practice Section Award for Significant Contributions, 2006-07.
- Florida Appellate Practice Section Award for Significant Contributions, 2005-06.
- Florida Appellate Practice Section Award for Significant Contributions, 2004-05.
- Florida Appellate Practice Section Award for Significant Contributions, 2003-04.
- Executive Editor & Staff Member, Univ. Miami School of Law Inter-American Law Review, 1992-94.
- Lillian R. Levy Award for Excellence, University of Miami Inter-American Law Review. 1993-94.
- American Jurisprudence Award, excellence in the study of Contract Law, Fall, 1991.
- Highest Mark, European Market Law, Fall, 1992.
- Research Fellow, C. Eugene Farnsworth Memorial Fellowship, SUNY/CESF.
- Research Fellow, Edna Bailey Sussman National Fellowship.
- Senior Counsel, American College of Barristers.
- *Sigma Xi* Honorary Scientific Research Society.

Bar Admissions, Other Court Admissions & Professional Memberships

- Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Appellate Law
- Florida
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st through 11th Circuits
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Member, The Florida Bar Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section
- Member, The Florida Bar Health Law Section
- Member, The Florida Bar Business Law Section
- Member, The Florida Bar Criminal Law Section
- Member, The Florida Bar Labor & Employment Law Section
- Member, American Bar Association ("ABA") Council of Appellate Lawyers
- Member, ABA Health Law-Torts Section
- Member, ABA Litigation [Appellate] Section
- Member, ABA Business Law Section