

Suzanne E. Gilbert

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Suzanne Gilbert practices in the areas of financial and real estate litigation, business litigation and creditors' rights.

Ms. Gilbert has experience representing clients in complex commercial disputes in federal, state and bankruptcy courts. Ms. Gilbert has substantial experience representing financial institutions and other lenders in a variety of matters, including complex commercial foreclosures, loan workouts, defense of lender liability claims, and in fraudulent transfer and preferential transfer actions. Additionally, a significant portion of her practice involves real estate litigation, including contract disputes, title issues, environmental issues and mortgage fraud. She also has significant experience in matters involving Article 3 and Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. In addition to her focus on financial and real estate litigation, Ms. Gilbert has also defended class actions involving Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. She has also represented one of the world's largest biotechnology companies in disputes and arbitrations relating to product licensing arrangements.

Since 2007, Ms. Gilbert has served as the practice group leader for the firm's Central Florida Litigation Group. In addition, she chairs the firm's eDiscovery and Technology Committee. She previously served as the Orlando office coordinator of Holland & Knight's Women's Initiative Group, a firm wide program aimed at enhancing opportunities for female attorneys, as well as promoting marketing and client development programs for Central Florida businesswomen and community leaders. In addition, in 2003, Ms. Gilbert was selected to participate in the inaugural class of the firm's Rising Stars program, a year-long economic development program which encourages women attorneys towards community and firm leadership, as well as their advancement in the legal profession.

In college, Ms. Gilbert was a manager for the men's basketball team at Duke University. During her tenure as head manager, the team won the 1991 and 1992 NCAA National Championships.

Honors & Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Orlando Litigation Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year, 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Commercial Litigation, 2013, 2014; Litigation - Banking & Finance, 2012-2014; Litigation - Real Estate, 2013, 2014
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* magazine, 2009-2013
- Florida *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2010-2013; Top 50 Women, 2011
- Florida Legal Elite "Up & Comer," *Florida Trend* magazine, 2005-2008
- "40 Under 40," *Orlando Business Journal*, 2008
- Best of Bar, *Orlando Business Journal*, 2005
- University of Florida Law Student of the Year, 1996



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Publications

- Following the meeting of the G-7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, Jr. outlined broad principles., *Holland & Knight Alert*, October 16, 2008

Speaking Engagements

- No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Avoiding Lender Liability Claims in Workouts, Seminar for Commercial Real Estate Loan and Special Assets Officers, April 21, 2009
- Retail Bankruptcies Have Arrived—More Are Coming, What You Need to Know Now: Practical Answers for Dealing With Troubled Retail Tenants, December 2, 2008

Memberships

- American Bar Association, House of Delegates, Drafting Committee
- American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel, Chair
- American Bar Association, Board of Governors, former Member
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Executive Board, former Member
- 11th Circuit Historical Society, Inc., Vice President-Florida
- Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Board of Directors, President
- American Counsel Association, Past President
- Orange County Bar Association, ABA House of Delegates
- Florida Blue Key
- Florida Hospital Foundation Cardiovascular Institute, Board Member
- Central Florida Sports Commission, Board Member
- Frederick Leadership Institute, Board Member
- Duke Club of Central Florida
- Junior League of Greater Orlando

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., *with honors*
- Duke University, B.A., Political Science

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

