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CIVIL LITIGATION DEFENSE IN FLORIDA

MRN Law, P.A. is a woman-owned, multi-lingual boutique law firm based in South Florida. Under the leadership of founding partner Myrnabelle Roche, the firm maintains a results-oriented commitment to providing quick, thorough and cost-effective solutions to clients in the practice areas listed below.

- Commercial General Liability
- Construction Defects
- First-Party Property Insurance Defense
- Professional Liability / E&O and D&O
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate Litigation

Over the course of their careers, the attorneys at MRN Law, P.A. have gained experience as in-house claims counsel at CNA, GEICO, and Chubb. They bring an understanding of insurance carrier needs for timely claim resolution, accurate loss reserve estimates and the availability of up-to-date status reports.

MRN Law, P.A. counsels clients at every phase of a claim, including the claim investigation, management of experts and consultants, and the pursuit of settlement through negotiation, mediation or other alternative dispute resolution processes. The firm's extensive experience in litigating cases may add significant value in the determination of whether to pursue either settlement or trial.

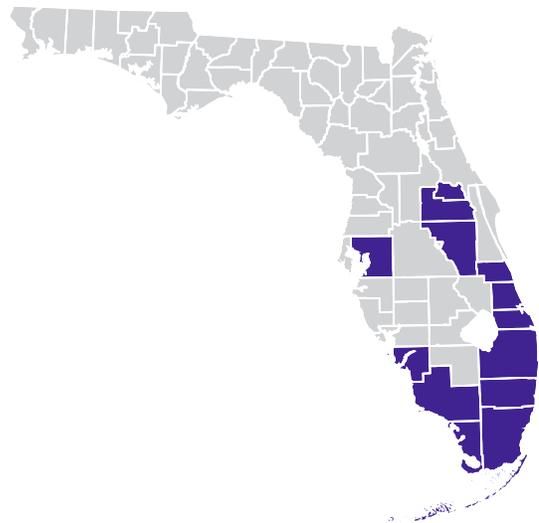
CONTACT MRN LAW, P.A. TO DISCUSS DEFENSE OF A FLORIDA CLAIM

MRN Law, P.A. has the proved experience and deep knowledge of commercial and construction markets in South and Central Florida, as well as the Gulf Coast. With their unwavering commitment to their clients, members of the firm respond to all inquires within 24 hours.

Contact Myrnabelle Roche directly at 954-229-1007, or email her at MRoche@mrnlawpa.com to discuss a potential matter.

SERVING THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SECTIONS OF FLORIDA

Civil disputes of all types are handled in South Florida (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties), as well as on Florida's Gulf Coast and up to Orlando (Orange County) in Central Florida.



PREPARING FOR TRIAL WHILE STRIVING FOR SETTLEMENT

MRN Law, P.A. is always ready to go to trial, and typically maintains several open trial orders at any given time. Trials carry a high level of uncertainty, and can distract business owners from day-to-day operations. For this reason, MRN Law, PA takes a strong position in pre-suit settlement negotiations, seeking to accelerate and effectively solve your matters.

Whenever possible, members of the firm seek to resolve cases through summary judgment or other motions for voluntary dismissal. An early analysis is conducted on every case to evaluate liability, identify any contributing parties, help set reserves, and develop suitable legal strategies. On-going communications are prioritized to keep clients informed on the current status of all claim files.

FIRST-PARTY PROPERTY INSURANCE DEFENSE

MRN Law, P.A. has extensive experience in complex first-party property claims relating to:

- Arson and Fire
- Assignment of Benefits (AOB)
- Builder's Risk
- Burglary and Theft
- Catastrophic Losses
- Drain Lines
- Mold
- Plumbing
- Roof Damage
- Wind

First party property claims relating to residential, condominium, multi-family, commercial and industrial properties are all handled by MRN Law, P.A. The firm has significant experience in representing and working with claims involving multiple insurers.

Construction sites also face risks relating to property damage, and the firm brings in-depth knowledge of construction law to the resolution of each claim.

Insurance fraud is always a potential consideration in first party claims, and the firm works closely with the carrier to probe for any falsification in the process of damage assessments.

CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS

Construction defects typically arise from unexpected events and are often related to a failure due to alleged errors, omissions, or poor communications in the design or construction process. Defect claims often relate to the building structure and envelope, soil conditions, faulty workmanship, materials, mechanical, or electrical components of the construction process.

Many construction defect claims involve multiple insurers and questions regarding potential overlapping coverage with commercial general liability and personal injury policy provisions.

Members of the firm handle many construction defect claims covering a wide range of property types, including large condominium associations, multi-family units, commercial office buildings, warehouses and churches.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (A&E, E&O, D&O)



The defense of condominium and homeowner associations in D&O claims is an area of deep strength at MRN Law, P.A., both from the perspective of an in-house insurance claims counsel and as private practice defense counsel. The firm defends association board members in a wide range of claims, including lien foreclosures, employment matters, emotional support animals, and other property management issues.

MRN Law, P.A. is also experienced in the representation of architects, engineers, construction managers, surveyors, real estate agents, and other build /design professionals when allegations of errors or omissions are filed.

Members of the firm have an in-depth understanding of the issues typically raised in professional liability claims, including the interpretation and scope of indemnity agreements, applicability of the economic loss rule, contractual liability, and contributory negligence.

When there are overlapping professional liability policies, such as A&E coverage as well as an owner's protective professional indemnity (OPPI) policy, MRN Law, P.A.'s knowledgeable construction attorneys review all relevant policy provisions to identify potential resolution strategies.

Litigation avoidance is always a priority, as members of the firm strive to negotiate confidential settlements on behalf of professional service clients in order to protect their reputation and privacy interests.



CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

MRN Law, P.A. represents contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, developers, landowners, governmental bodies, engineers, architects and construction-related disputes.

Having litigated matters under Florida’s Condominium Act Warranty Law, their experienced construction attorneys meticulously navigate the legal and liability issues that often arise during the course of a construction project, including:

- Auto Liability
- Bonding (state and federal)
- Breach of Contract Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Construction Liens
- Land Use and Zoning
- Mortgages
- Personal Injury Defense
- Pollution Liability
- Product Liability
- Property Damage
- Risk Management



Construction disputes often involve many parties, contributing to the complexity of claim resolution. MRN Law, P.A. is highly experienced in working with insurance issues relating to additional insureds, endorsements, exclusions, coverage and other aspects of builders’ risk.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE DEFENSE

Retailers, restaurants, hotels, convenience stores, gas stations, and other public facilities are defended by MRN Law, P.A. in a full range of liability claims, including:

- Personal Injury Defense
- Premises Liability (slip, trip and fall)
- Products Liability
- Property Damage (fire, water, wind)



Property owners who manage commercial or multi-family properties ranging from dozens to hundreds of units are also exposed to a wide variety of personal injury claims ranging from common areas and parking lots to specialized services like swimming pools, health clubs, golf courses, tennis courts, and spas.

MRN Law, P.A. works quickly to initiate an investigation of the premises based on the defect or liability alleged by the claimant. Early intervention may help to preserve and document evidence with photos, video, and independent engineering or safety experts. A prompt investigation facilitates assessment of liability issues and may preserve legal rights of the insured party.



REAL ESTATE LITIGATION



MRN Law, P.A. represents owners, developers, tenants and investors in commercial projects involving the development, construction, financing, leasing, sale and purchase of commercial, residential, and multi-family residential real property.

The firm’s attorneys represent and advise clients in real estate matters such as:

- ADA Disputes under Title III
- Boundary Disputes and Easements
- Code Enforcement
- Commercial Lease Disputes and Evictions
- Community Association Disputes
- Condemnation
- Contract Litigation
- Foreclosure Defense
- Fraud and Misrepresentation
- Land Use and Zoning
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Nuisance and Trespass Litigation
- Property Partition
- Title Disputes (quiet title, slander of title)

Members of the firm have a wide range of legal experience to address virtually any commercial real estate dispute.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

MRN Law, P.A.’s seasoned litigators assists business owners in a wide range of contractual and commercial litigation matters, including but not limited to:

- Arbitration
- Breach of Contract
- Breach of Fiduciary Duty
- Franchise Matters
- Partnership/Joint Venture Disputes
- Shareholder Disagreements
- Trade Secrets
- Unfair Business Practices



Every effort is made to resolve a dispute in a cost-effective and timely manner so that the business owner can resume their focus on longer-term operational success.



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Myrnabelle Roche is a civil litigation attorney with 18 years of experience in complex and high exposure construction, property damage, real estate and commercial cases from inception to trial. She also handles cases across Florida involving professional liability, D&O policies, and first-party insurance defense.

She founded MRN Law, P.A. in 2014 after working as a Senior Litigation Trial Attorney for CNA Insurance for several years and early in her career serving as Managing Partner at Reilly Roche LLP for over 10 years.

Ms. Roche is a Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, first licensed in 2008. She currently serves as Code Enforcement Special Magistrate for the City of Marco Island, the City of Greenacres, and the town of Fort Myers Beach.*

By the time she entered law school Ms. Roche knew that construction law would be an important part of her practice. As indicated below, her undergraduate and masters-level education focused on many aspects of the construction and design industries.

Education

J.D., Fredric G. Levin College of Law, University of Florida, 2001

Masters, Construction Management, M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management, University of Florida, 1998

BDes Arch, Bachelor of Design in Architecture, University of Florida, 1997

Admissions

Florida, 2002

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2012

Languages

English and Spanish

**Clients are named with permission.*



Eleanor Weinberger
Attorney

Ellie Weinberger practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation, first-party insurance defense, construction litigation, general liability (premises liability), insurance fraud, automobile insurance defense and PIP.

Her experience includes the representation of both individual and corporate clients in business and contract disputes, real property, commercial real estate, construction, fraud and insurance defense.

Ms. Weinberger has tried jury and bench trials in state and federal courts and has been counsel in reported appellate decisions.

Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 1996
M.A., Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, 1979
B.S., Political Science, Tulane University, 1970

Admissions

Florida, 1997



Xiomara Cruz
Attorney

Xiomara Cruz handles first-party insurance defense, general liability, property damage, premises liability, construction defect, wrongful death, professional errors and omissions, and personal injury defense matters.

Prior to joining MRN Law, Ms. Cruz was a Casualty Claims Examiner at Chubb & Son Insurance.

Mrs. Cruz started her legal career as a solo practitioner in 2004, with a focus on assisting clients in immigration and real estate matters such as tenant/landlord disputes, sales contract negotiations and buyer representation.

Education

J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, 2002
Bachelor's degree, Dual Major in Political Science and Latin American Studies, Rutgers University, 1997

Admissions

Florida, 2004
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2017

Languages

English and Spanish (read/write/translate)



Tina Sportschuetz
Associate

Tina Sportschuetz has worked as a commercial and real estate attorney since 2009.

Education

J.D., Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University, 2009
B.A., Florida State University

Admissions

Florida, 2009



Brendan Sweeney
Of Counsel

Brendan Sweeney focuses his practice on business, consumer, construction, real estate law, and Title III-ADA litigation.

He started his career as a trial attorney representing the state of Florida in criminal matters as an Assistant State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Court of Florida. He later moved on to gain a deep understanding of real estate law and civil litigation while practicing with large international and national law firms.

As a community minded person, Brendan regularly appears in court at shelter hearings as a pro bono attorney for the Guardian Ad Litem of Broward County. Additionally, attorney Sweeney is a graduate of Leadership Broward Class of XXXIV where he served as a Chairperson for the awareness campaign of a local non-profit organization.

Awards and Recognition

AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
Selected to Super Lawyers: 2019-2020
Selected to Rising Stars: 2014-2018
Selected to Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite in 2019

Education

LL.M., Real Estate/Land Development, School of Law, University of Miami, 2007
J.D., School of Law, University of Miami, 2005
B.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001

Admissions

Florida, 2005
Maryland, 2011
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2008
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2015
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2009

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OPERATIONS

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

MRN Law, P.A. strives to offer a compelling value for Florida construction-related cases, based on advanced construction management educational degrees, proficiency in construction litigation matters, experience as in-house claims counsel, and favorable billing practices.

“My Case” software is used by MRN Law, P.A. for document management, billing, invoicing and reporting. The firm has advanced in-house technical capabilities and complies with all litigation reporting guidelines.

The firm maintains a professional liability policy through Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company (FLMIC). Details are available on request.

DIVERSITY

Diversity is an integral part of the firm culture at MRN Law, P.A. The firm is woman owned and committed to attracting, hiring, retaining and rewarding a diverse legal team to better provide the best possible judicially services through cultural and ethnic viewpoints that reflect our progressive global economy. The firm offers an inclusive atmosphere of opportunity to attorneys and a deep understanding of the goals and perspectives of the firm’s richly diverse clientele.

CYBERSECURITY

MRN Law, P.A. uses innovative electronic security measures to safeguard client communications and information. This includes but is not limited to secure internet access methods, password protection, data encryption, firewalls, anti-virus software, cloud-based file management, and on-going security patches and updates.

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