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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Miscellaneous Professional Liability
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Insurance Agents & Brokers Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2021

U.S. District Court Southern
District of Florida
2025

U.S. District Court Middle District
of Florida
2025

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University
Shepard Broad College of Law
(J.D., 2021)

Nova Southeastern University
(MBA, 2014)

Florida Atlantic University (B.A.,
2013)

OVERVIEW

Sophia is a member of the Professional Liability Department where she focuses her practice on representing businesses, directors and officers, design professionals, contractors and homeowners' associations in commercial, professional liability, construct defect, architectural, engineering, and employment disputes

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Sophia practiced first-party property defense. In 2024, she was selected to the Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list for her exceptional work in civil litigation defense and was named a Top Lawyer by *Palm Beach Illustrated*.

Sophia received her *juris doctor* from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. During law school, Sophia participated in several student organizations. She served as the Social Media and Marketing Director for the Black Law Student Association. She also gained valuable experience and knowledge as an intern with Legal-Aid Coast to Coast Family law division, where she provided legal information and guidance to Pro Se litigants and a law clerk at an Immigration firm. Further, Sophia also participated in legal clinics including the Dispute Resolution Clinic, where she co-mediated and arbitrated cases and eventually became a Florida Supreme Court County Mediator and a Qualified Arbitrator, as well as the Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic, where she offered transactional representation and legal advice to entry level entrepreneurs, innovators and start-up businesses under the supervision of the clinic director.

Sophia currently lives in Broward and enjoys spending her spare time at the beach, with family, and working with her non-profit providing support to Haiti.

HONORS & AWARDS

Florida Super Lawyers, Rising
Stars
2024-2025

Palm Beach Illustrated, Top
Lawyer
2024

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator

Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (fluent), and Haitian Creole (fluent)

YEAR JOINED

2024

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Court Affirms Strong Liability Protections for Rideshare Companies Under Florida Law

Fort Lauderdale
Miscellaneous Professional Liability
March 1, 2026

Key Points: Florida law treats rideshare drivers as independent contractors when statutory conditions are met.

Florida 5th DCA Decides Proof of Available Insurance in the Marketplace Is Not Required for All Claims Against an Agent or Broker

Fort Lauderdale
Insurance Agents & Brokers Liability
January 12, 2026

In its January 2, 2026, decision, the Fifth District Court of Appeal (DCA) remanded a case for a new trial on damages, where the jury's damage award for breach of fiduciary duty and negligent misrepresentation was based on an ins

Federal Court Dismisses Derivative Action Against HOA President for Lack of Jurisdiction

Fort Lauderdale
Non-Profit D&O
January 1, 2026

Timothy Pagliara initially sued his homeowners' association for failing to maintain property and fiscal mismanagement.

Eight Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected to the 2025 Florida Super Lawyers & Florida Rising Stars Lists

June 26, 2025

Eight attorneys from the Florida offices of Marshall Dennehey have been selected to the 2025 edition of Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

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