

PEGGY SMITH BUSH

SPECIAL COUNSEL



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability
Premises and Retail Liability
Product Liability
General Liability
Trucking & Transportation Liability
Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
Public Entity and Civil Rights Litigation
Amusements, Sports and Recreation
Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida

U.S. District Court Middle
District of Florida

U.S. District Court Northern
District of Florida

U.S. District Court Southern
District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th
Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Barry University School of Law
(J.D., cum laude, 2002)

University of North Alabama
(B.S., 1984)

OVERVIEW

Peggy is Special Counsel in the Casualty Department. She is an experienced litigator, advocate, and counselor. She joins the firm with has almost 18 years experience defending corporations, large self-insureds, and public entities against claims of premises liability and product liability. Born and raised in North Alabama, Peggy is proud of her reputation for balancing strategic thinking and results-oriented litigation skills with professionalism and civility.

Peggy routinely defends claims involving premises liability, product liability, negligent security, food contamination and adulteration, amusement and theme park litigation and general liability.

Peggy brings experience handling commercial matters (breach of contract, breach of warranty, contract review and interpretation, indemnification), code compliance and enforcement, defamation, environmental toxic tort, crisis management and damage control, false imprisonment, , malicious prosecution, negligent hiring and retention, , non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in premises and complex website claims. She also has over ten years experience in public entity defense, including: Florida's Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes); Florida's Sunshine Law (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes); sovereign immunity in tort actions, statutory damage limitations, attorney fee issues, statutes of limitations, protections and exclusions under Florida Statute §768.28; reviewing and advising on compliance with policies and procedures, enforcement of performance contracts, and working with Risk Management in investigation of claims, litigation, and risk avoidance.

Peggy began her legal career at a well respected Orlando defense litigation firm where she earned valuable trial experience. In 2010 she became a Founding Shareholder of Southern Trial Counsel | PLC where she served as Managing Partner for several years. She worked her way through law school, including law clerk to in-

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Barry University School of Law
Outstanding Achievement
Alumni Award, 2017

Florida Elite-Civil Trial by
Florida Trend Magazine
2013

Florida Super Lawyers Rising
Star
2010-2012

Florida Supreme Court
Certified Circuit Court
Mediator

WTS International Executive
Signature Leadership Program

Litigation Management
Institute, Graduate 2013
(CLMP)

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Central Florida Association for
Women Lawyers - Awards
Chair (2019-2020)

Florida Association for Women
Lawyers

Florida Bar Association -
Standing Committee on
Mental Health & Wellness of
Florida Lawyers, Senior
Lawyers Committee
(2017-2019), Animal Law
Section

International Association of
Defense Counsel (IADC), In-
House and Law Firm
Management Committee;
Product Liability Committee

National Association of
Minority and Women Owned
Law Firms

house general counsel of an international restaurant company headquartered in Orlando. Rounding out her over 30-year career of working with and for businesses, she began in television, radio, and then stock brokerage (carrying Series 7, Series 6, and Series 63 licenses). She holds Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating 5.0/5.0 Preeminent®, is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, and a Certified Claims and Litigation Management Professional.

Peggy has been married to her husband, Stephen, since 1985. Stephen is a software engineer and at the moment a stay at home parent to their 3-year old twins, Jack and Finnian. They live in Orlando with their calico cat, Harlie. Peggy treasures time with her children exploring their backyard and eating snacks out of dump trucks, and enjoys music, cooking, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She dedicates her professional volunteer activities to mentorship of younger professionals, and her personal free time is dedicated to activities which benefit children and animal welfare.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Special Counsel Peggy Smith Bush Appointed to Transportation Lawyers Association's Executive Committee

Trucking & Transportation Liability

July 28, 2021

Peggy Smith Bush, Special Counsel in the firm's Orlando office, has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA). Mrs. [Read More](#)

How to Get Your Business Relationships - and Yourself - Back on Track After a Year of Isolation

Orlando

General Liability

COVID-19 Task Force

February 23, 2021

Peggy Smith Bush Joins Marshall Dennehey as Special Counsel in Orlando

Trucking & Transportation Liability

Automobile Liability

Premises and Retail Liability

Product Liability

June 30, 2020

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, a leading civil defense litigation law firm with four offices in Florida, has added Peggy Smith Bush as Special Counsel in the firm's Orlando office.

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PUBLISHED WORKS

"How to Get Your Business Relationships - And Yourself - Back on Track After a Year of Isolation," *Orlando Business Journal*, February 23, 2021

Orange County Bar
Association - In-House and
General Counsel Committee,
Professionalism Committee,
Mentorship Program

The George C. Young First
Central Florida American Inns
of Court - Master Level

Transportation Lawyers
Association - Co-Chair of
Diversity and Inclusion
Subcommittee

WTS International ,Central
Florida

American Bar Association

Public Risk Management
Association (PRIMA)

GFWC du Midi Women's Club,
1992 - Present

Alabama Federation of
Women's Clubs (AFWC), 1992
- Present

CLASSES/ SEMINAR TAUGHT

Rules of the Trucking Industry: Staying on Track!, Transportation Lawyers Association
(TLA) Annual Conference - Virtual, June 24th, 2021

YEAR JOINED

2020