

## JENNIFER L. HUTCHINS

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Miscellaneous Professional Liability  
Automobile Liability  
Premises & Retail Liability  
General Liability  
Architectural, Engineering & Construction  
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Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith  
Litigation

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### ADMISSIONS

Florida  
2019

U.S. District Court Middle District  
of Florida  
2020

### EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law  
(J.D., 2018)

University of South Florida (B.A.,  
2005)

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Florida Association for Women  
Lawyers

Florida Bar, Young Lawyers  
Division

George Edgecomb Bar  
Association

Hillsborough County Bar  
Association

Saint Petersburg Bar Association

### OVERVIEW

Jennifer is an associate attorney in the firm's Professional Liability Department representing many large insurance carriers and their insureds. She handles all phases of the litigation process from pre-suit through trial and effectively represents clients in litigation involving automobile liability, premise liability, and other general liability matters.

As a seasoned corporate business administrator, Jennifer has over twelve years of strategic experience in directing and overseeing a regional healthcare practice. She also brings a diverse and robust skill set to meet the needs of every client as a former commercial and employment litigation attorney.

Jennifer is involved in legal pro-bono work with Guardian Ad Litem for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Pinellas County, advocating for the best of interests of children. She also volunteers her time with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel.

Jennifer is a graduate from the University of South Florida earning a B.A. in History. She received her *juris doctor* from Stetson University School of Law. Jennifer is admitted to practice in the state of Florida.

**THOUGHT LEADERSHIP****Second District Court of Appeal Reinstates Homeowner's Lawsuit, Assigns New Judge Over Bias Concerns.****Tampa****Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation  
Property Litigation****March 1, 2025**

The Second District Court of Appeal revived an insurance coverage suit a homeowner brought against his insurance carrier, removed the presiding judge from the case and assigned it to a new judge to preserve any appearance of bias. Legal Update for Florida Coverage & Property Litigation – March 2025 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal devel

**Florida's Third District Court of Appeal rules insurance carrier had duty to defend.****Tampa****Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation****December 1, 2024**

The Third District Court of Appeals reversed a trial court's ruling and ordered the insurance carrier, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, to defend its insureds in an ongoing title dispute suit. Legal Update for Florida Coverage & Property Litigation – December 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal de

**Fourth District Court of Appeals finds that insureds failed to provide insurance carrier with "prompt notice" as a matter of law.****Tampa****Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation****September 1, 2024**

On September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma allegedly caused damage to the roof of the homeowners' property, resulting in interior water intrusion issues. Legal Update for Florida Coverage & Property Litigation – September 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal d

**Trial court abused its discretion by awarding counsel an hourly rate \$50 above requested rate without any justification for its decision and trial court erred by applying 2.0 contingency multiplier as it was not supported by record evidence.****Tampa****Property Litigation****Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation****August 1, 2024**

The homeowners filed a complaint against their insurance carrier, SafePoint, following the denial of their January 2016 hurricane claim. Legal Update for Florida Coverage & Property Litigation – August 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal deve

**Second District Court of Appeals finds the trial court erred in granting summary judgment in favor of insured where she and carrier's competing affidavits created a general issue of material fact which should have precluded summary judgment.****Tampa****Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation****Property Litigation****July 1, 2024**

Ms. Lassiter alleged that in April 2020, her home sustained damage when wind and hail damaged her roof, causing leaks and resulting in interior water intrusion damage. Legal Update for Florida Coverage & Property Litigation – July 2024 is prepared by Marshall Dennehey to provide information on recent legal develo

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

“Decision Requiring Strict Compliance with § 627.7152 Provides Insurance Carriers with Another Tool to Combat Litigation of Assignment of Benefit Claims,” *Defense Digest*, Vol. 28, No. 12, December 2022

“Eleventh Circuit Says Insurer Had No Duty to Cover Property Not Listed in Policy’s Scheduled Properties,” *Defense Digest*, Vol. 27, No. 4, September 2021