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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
Product Liability
Automobile Liability
Property Litigation
General Liability
Hospitality & Liquor Liability

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
1999

New Jersey
2001

Pennsylvania
2001

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of
Law (J.D., 1999)

Florida State University (M.A.,
1999)

Shippensburg University (B.A.,
summa cum laude, 1994)

OVERVIEW

As co-chair of Marshall Dennehey's Amusements, Sports and Recreation Liability Practice Group, Alicia represents waterparks, theme parks, roller skating rinks, trampoline, climbing wall attractions, fairs and fairgrounds and other entities when claims are brought against them. She frequently writes and speaks on regulatory and compliance topics unique to the amusements industry, including ADA accessibility. She is a voting member of the American Society of Testing and Measurement F24 (ASTM Committee F24) which develops global standards for safety specific to the amusement industry.

Alicia is also experienced in the defense of general casualty matters and auto warranty claims. Her knowledge of the industries she represents has resulted in the quick resolution of many claims on motion or through negotiation by application of statutory or regulatory law or expert testimony.

Alicia is a graduate of Florida State University College of Law where she earned a dual J.D./M.A. A portion of her law degree was completed at Oxford University in England with curriculum in sports law and restitution. She additionally holds a B.A. from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

HONORS & AWARDS

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Personal Injury Litigation –
Defendants
2024-2025

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Testing and Materials, Voting Member ASTM F24

International Amusement & Leisure Defense Association (IALDA), Board Member

Lackawanna Bar Association

Outdoor Amusement Business Association (OABA)

Pike County Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

2002

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Negotiating the Call: What the Americans with Disabilities Act may demonstrate as trends in finding the line between equal participation and safety

**Roseland
Tampa
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
August 1, 2024**

Florida Legislature Passes the Roller Skating Rink Safety Act

**Tampa
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
May 8, 2023**

On May 2, 2023, Florida became the 12th state to pass legislation intended to keep roller rink operators in business by promoting safety, risk management and shared responsibility of liability. Legal Update for Amusements Sports & Recreation Litigation, May 8, 2023, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey.

Partial dismissal granted under Fed. R Civ.P 12(b)(6) for failure to pled a feasible alternative design.

**Tampa
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
October 1, 2021**

The plaintiff sued for injuries she claimed she suffered while riding a roller coaster. Case Law Alerts

Summary judgment affirmed for water park as no duty to patron to assist in getting on lazy river inner tube.

**Tampa
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability
October 1, 2021**

The Pennsylvania Superior Court affirmed the trial court's findings based on the plaintiff's inadequacy in demonstrating a question of fact. Case Law Alerts

Summary judgment granted on claim of ordinary negligence for failure to prevent loose object from striking patron on a roller coaster.

**Tampa
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October 1, 2021**

The plaintiff sued after being blinded in one eye by a cell phone that "became unsecured" from another patron on a roller coaster. Case Law Alerts

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Surveillance in the Amusement Industry, RSA 2021 Sk8 Expo, Clearwater, FL, August 24, 2021

Legal Preparation with IALDA, 84th Annual RSA Convention, Webinar, May, 2021

Volunteer Instructor, Florida State University, College of Law Undergraduate Program

Presented seminars on ADA Accessibility, Social Media Discovery and Managing a Crisis in Social Media, Roller Skating Legal Updates State By State, Amusement Legal Updates State By State to organizations such as WWA, IAAPA, PDI, RSA and other legal and amusement entities

Guest lecturer at the University of Delaware, College of Business

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Negotiating The Call: What the Americans with Disabilities Act May Demonstrate as Trends in Finding the Line Between Equal Participation and Safety", *The Sports Bulletin* 3rd Edition, Insurance Law Global, August 2024

Case Law Alerts, regular contributor, January 2014-October 2021

"Clean Air Act; Mobile Emissions," *Florida Senate Interim Report*

MEDIA COMMENTARY

"Florida Governor Signs Bill Limiting Skate Rink Liability," *Insurance Journal*, May 16, 2023

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

North Florida Legal Services Disaster Relief Hotline Volunteer

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Andrews v. Stefano, 71 Pa.D.&C. 4th (2005)

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained summary judgment through successfully arguing no liability on behalf of a security company for an animal bite within a homeowner's development.

Through the use of a vocational and medical expert, successfully defended a case at trial in federal court where liability was admitted and the demand was over \$300,000 for wage loss and personal injury. The verdict was \$7,500.

Resolved client's share of a multi-car accident (10 cars) within a string of 70 vehicles involved in a highway incident for \$1,000 through the use of police and investigators as witnesses.

Through the use of medical experts for multiple injuries claimed by the plaintiff, obtained a defense verdict on causation of injuries received in a rear-impact auto accident when liability was admitted.

Obtained defense verdict in suit versus an elderly driver, who was unable to attend trial, through use of video footage and cross examination.

Obtained defense verdict at trial of claim of injury from slip and fall in client's home. Jury found no liability within ten minutes.

Obtained defense verdict in favor of motor vehicle operator sued for damages to a teen on a bike crossing the lane of travel.

Obtained dismissal on summary judgment in two cases involving wrongful identity of the motor vehicle operator.