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ADMITTED TO

Florida Bar, 1997 U.S. Virgin Islands Bar (St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John), 2008
U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida, 1998
U.S. District Court, U.S. Virgin Islands, 2009
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 1997
Third Circuit Court of Appeals, 2009
U.S. Supreme Court, 2012

PRACTICE AREAS

Admiralty and Maritime Claims
Transportation
Insurance Defense
Commercial Litigation
Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Defense
Medical and Professional Malpractice Defense
Property and Casualty
Complex Business Disputes
Products Liability

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1997
B.A., University of Florida, 1993

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF)
Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA)
Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, Member
Maritime Law Association of the United States, Member
International Council of Cruise Lines, Executive Member
Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
Advisory Board, Seafarer's House
Executive Board, Broward Legal Aid

Jennifer Miller is an experienced litigator and trial lawyer. She is a founding partner of Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, L.L.P., a Martindale Hubbell® AV rated® minority certified law firm consistently ranked among the top ten most diverse law firms in South Florida by the Daily Business Review. She is the Managing Partner of its Fort Lauderdale and U.S. Virgin Islands Satellite offices.

Jennifer is AV rated® by Martindale Hubbell®, is recognized as Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women, named as a Top Lawyer by the South Florida Legal Guide, and recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by Law and Politics.

Jennifer has dedicated 20 years of her practice to civil litigation, defending major insurers and corporations in a wide variety of industries including retail, restaurants, product manufacturers, distributors, cities and municipalities, international businesses, doctors and other medical professionals, the world's largest passenger cruise lines, and major marine domestic and international underwriters in claims of personal injury and wrongful death, premises liability and negligent security, insurance coverage and bad faith, labor and employment, medical and professional malpractice, admiralty and maritime, commercial litigation, hospitality, transportation, and product liability.

RECOGNITION

- Board-Certified in Admiralty and Maritime Law by the Florida Bar
- Recognized as a Florida Super Lawyer by Law & Politics

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- AV® Rated by Martindale Hubbell for the highest level of professional excellence
- Woman of the Year, National Association of Professional Women
- Top Attorneys in Florida, Transportation and Maritime, American Registry
- Top Up and Comer, South Florida Legal Guide
- Top Lawyer, South Florida Legal Guide

NOTABLE VERDICTS AND EXPERIENCE

- Defense verdict where plaintiff was injured in a restaurant, had multiple neck surgeries and claimed she could no longer be gainfully employed. Plaintiff's demand was \$7 million.
- Defense verdict in a Jones Act trial (standard of care is slight negligence), where plaintiff claimed that his work was unreasonably dangerous which led to a three level cervical fusion and resultant medical malpractice claim. Plaintiff's demand was \$6 million.
- Successfully handled numerous catastrophic cases, some involving mass torts, to satisfactory conclusion. One such case involved 40 claimants from an amphibious vehicle crash. Injuries included severe internal injuries, surgical neck, back, and knee injuries, and other injuries.
- Successfully defended largest retail mall in the U.S.V.I. in wrongful death claim where tenant was shot while leaving premises. Mall was sued for negligent security in failing to have proper number of security officers on duty, inadequate lighting, insufficient video surveillance, insufficient video surveillance monitoring, and lack of patrolling in the mall parking lot at the time of the incident.
- Successfully defended claims of multiple plaintiffs against U.S.V.I. bank and ADT against allegations of negligent security during a bank robbery where 11 patrons and employees brought suit.
- Trial involving plaintiff who allegedly suffered brain injury on hotel property due to improper scuba instruction. Obtained favorable verdict of \$300 K which was considered a defense verdict for client.
- Indemnification/contribution product liability trial, where plaintiff lost substantial portion of arm. Brought third-party action against product manufacturer and obtained verdict against the product manufacturer and also an award of attorney's fees.
- Successfully represented major hospitality concerns and cruise lines in various wrongful death and personal injury cases throughout districts in Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands.