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Partner

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Life, Annuities & Disability Products Litigation
- ERISA & Group Litigation
- Nationwide Life & Annuity Interpleader Program
- Commercial, Financial & Banking Litigation
- Healthcare (Litigation)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Commission on Women in the Profession of the American Bar Association, Former Commissioner (appointed by ABA president)
- NAMWOLF, Law Firm Member (Former Chair, Insurance PAC)
- Defense Research Institute (Life, Health, Disability & ERISA and Commercial Litigation)
- Cuban American Bar Association
- Hispanic National Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Florida State University (cum laude)
- B.S., Florida International University (cum laude)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Georgia
- New York

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish

CONTACT

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Emilia A. Quesada is a founding partner of the firm and co-chair of its Commercial Litigation and Life, Health, Disability & ERISA practice groups. With three decades of litigation experience, Ms. Quesada delivers strategic counsel and trial-tested advocacy to healthcare organizations, insurance companies, national corporations, and financial institutions in high-stakes, complex commercial matters. Clients value her deep industry knowledge, thoughtful risk assessment, and relentless focus on achieving results that align with business objectives.

Ms. Quesada offers specialized knowledge in first-party insurance litigation including life, health, and disability insurance claims involving ERISA and non-ERISA matters. In the healthcare sector, Ms. Quesada regularly represents managed care organizations and providers in disputes regarding Medicare, Medicaid, HMO/PPO, emergency services, the No Surprises Act, HIPAA compliance, and in- and out-of-network claims, including rate v. right statutory claims and common law causes of action.

In the life and disability insurance space, Ms. Quesada represents insurers related to annuities, agent and independent contractor issues, interpleader actions, structured settlement disputes, STOLI matters, short and long term disability issues, and issues related to reinsurance and subrogation matters. She also represents insurers offering long term care insurance, supplemental and AD&D insurance and other products in first party claims.

Her broader litigation experience includes defending pharmaceutical, banking, financial, oil and gas, and product companies in complex civil litigation including business torts, negligence and fraud claims, commercial contract disputes; consumer protection claims involving FDUTPA, FCRA and TCPA claims; and director and officer liability litigation in state and federal courts throughout Florida, Georgia and New York, as well as before arbitration tribunals throughout the country.

Ms. Quesada is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, the highest rating possible, and an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association listed on the Commercial, Consumer and Healthcare rosters. She is the managing partner of the firm's Florida office.

Prior to founding d'QM, Ms. Quesada was a founding partner of SMGQ Law in Miami where she chaired the Insurance Practice group for over 18 years. She previously worked at national law firms, including Hunton & Williams LLP (n/k/a Hunton Andrews Kurth) and Steel Hector & Davis LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs). Ms. Quesada started her legal career through a federal clerkship as an Honors Attorney through the Attorney General Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was selected from over 2,500 applicants for one of eight positions.

Ms. Quesada is admitted to practice in Florida, including the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida; in Georgia, including the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia; in New York, including the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & CLE PRESENTATIONS

- AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings
- Best Lawyer in Insurance Litigation, The Best Lawyers in America
- Top Lawyer in Litigation, South Florida Legal Guide
- Super Lawyer in Insurance Coverage, Florida Super Lawyers
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Minority Powerbroker Q&A Feature, Law 360
- Stand Out Lawyer, Thomson Reuters
- Chambers, Florida Spotlight (Litigation: General Commercial)
- Go-To Law Firm for the Top 500 Companies in Litigation, American Lawyer magazine (selected by Prudential)

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