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Overview

Monica Irel is a member of Dentons' Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. Monica focuses her practice on commercial litigation, labor and employment cases, insurance litigation, ADA litigation and products liability suits.

Monica represents numerous corporations, insurance companies and individuals. Her extensive litigation and dispute resolution experience includes negotiation and trial representation in a wide variety of business disputes, including claims of breach of contract, misrepresentation, fraud and business disruption. She also represents insurance companies in coverage disputes, including bad faith actions.

After completing her undergraduate degree at UCLA, Monica obtained a JD from the USC School of Law in Los Angeles, CA, and then began practicing law as a plaintiffs' attorney in a Los Angeles personal injury firm, where she concentrated on personal injury and workers' compensation cases and acquired considerable courtroom experience, before leaving the firm to focus on defense litigation. After stints with two prominent Los Angeles defense firms, Monica relocated to Florida, where she joined a Miami firm that specialized in the defense of aircraft manufacturers, aircraft maintenance facilities, fixed base operators, and aircraft owners and operators, and gained extensive experience, including at trial, handling commercial litigation, product liability claims and wrongful death cases for global companies such as BBA Aviation, Piedmont Hawthorne Aviation/Landmark Aviation, Servisair/GlobeGround, Presidential Airways, Spirit Airlines and Piper Aircraft.

As a pro bono attorney, Monica has been active for many years in Florida's guardian ad litem program.

Experience

- **Aircraft manufacturer:** Obtained summary judgment in million dollar product liability claim and protected judgment on appeal in the Eleventh Circuit.
- **Transportation company:** Acted as first chair trial counsel in multi-week personal injury trial against transportation company resulting in defense verdict.
- **Large property development company:** Tried personal injury case, obtaining defense verdict.
- **Major hospital:** Defended against government claims of regulatory violations, resulting in retraction of

sanctions.

- **Airport operator:** Obtained summary judgment in wrongful death litigation.
- **Large corporations:** Successfully negotiated a series of ADA lawsuits against large corporations on extremely favorable terms.

Insights

- Co-author, "Surge of website accessibility lawsuits to continue as SCOTUS declines to review Ninth Circuit decision in *Robles v. Domino's Pizza* ; businesses advised to take preventive measures," Dentons client alert, October 10, 2019

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Volunteer, Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program
- Member, Educational Excellence School Advisory Council, Miami-Dade County

Presentations

- Presenter, "The Future of the Affordable Care Act - Nine Years Later, Can the ACA Survive its Biggest Challenge," Total Rewards Association of South Florida (TRASF), May 14, 2019
- Presenter, "Taking a Strategic Deposition"

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Transportation Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Employment and Labor
- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation

Industry sectors

- Transportation
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Product Liability
- Insurance

Admissions and qualifications

- California

- Florida
- Supreme Court of California
- Supreme Court of Florida
- US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- US District Court for the Central District of California
- US District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- US District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Languages

- Spanish