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Overview

Kelly Rooth is Senior Counsel in the firm's Dispute Resolution & Litigation and Bankruptcy Practice Groups. Her practice focuses on creditor's rights and complex business litigation. She is experienced in commercial litigation and appellate practice and has represented clients successfully in both state and federal court. Kelly began her legal career as a judicial law clerk to Senior Judge Paul H. Roney of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

At Stetson University College of Law, Kelly was Articles and Symposia Editor for the Stetson Law Review, Research Assistant for Dean Emeritus Bruce Jacob, and Teaching Fellow for the Legal Writing Clinic. She completed the federal government litigation practicum at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, Appellate Division, and served as judicial intern for the Honorable Susan C. Bucklew of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Representative Matters

- Represented clients in commercial contract disputes.
- Brought and defended family law appeals involving child support, alimony, relocation, custody, and attorneys' fees.
- Successfully defended a final judgment of dissolution of marriage, which was affirmed per curiam on appeal.
- Researched and drafted appellate briefs and memorandums involving employment discrimination, personal injury, civil rights, and criminal law.
- Represented criminal defendants in post-conviction proceedings under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.850.
- Researched and drafted legal memorandums concerning probate litigation.

Professional Involvement

- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Tampa Bay
  - Founding Member and Former Vice-President
- Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild

Community Involvement

- Volunteer Tutor, Catholic Schoolhouse of Tampa Bay

Thought Leadership

- Where Did Florida Go Wrong? Why Religion-Based Peremptory Challenges Withstand Constitutional Scrutiny, *Stetson Law Review*, Vol. 32, p. 171 (2002).

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law, 2002
  - Victor O. Wehle Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
  - First Place in the Phelps Dunbar Appellate Advocacy Competition
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of South Florida, 2000
  - USF Honors Program
  - Political Science Honors Program

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida