

## Shirin M. Vesely

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## Overview

Shirin M. Vesely concentrates her practice in business litigation, personal injury law, wrongful death, nursing malpractice, legal malpractice, and employment litigation. She is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Circuit Mediator.

## Representative Matters

- Represents tax planning and investment services entity relating to violations of non-competition, non-solicitation, and confidentiality agreements
- Defended sports organization against damage claims based on alleged trade secret violations, breaches of fiduciary duty
- Represented an investment group with negligence and breach of fiduciary duty claims against an attorney and manager
- Represented patients and residents in negligence claims against hospitals and nursing homes
- Represented seriously injured persons against product manufacturers, insurance companies, and other entities/persons.
- Defends a nursing home management company in relation to contract disputes with other companies
- Represents a company in an action against a member of an affiliated entity relating to alleged ownership rights
- Represented a dietary and health supplement manufacturer against damage claims based on alleged violations of non-compete and trade secret violations
- Represents physicians' groups against subpoenas and depositions that seek confidential and proprietary information
- Represents large real estate developer regarding various construction claims
- Represents a financial group against tortious interference claims by a prior employer of a sales representative
- Defended a law firm against legal malpractice claims
- Represented former clients of law firms in legal malpractice claims against law firms

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2024-2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, PI General Plaintiff, 2022-2025
- AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs; Commercial Litigation, 2021-2026
  - *Lawyer of the Year*, Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2026
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, 2018-2022
- Barney Masterson American Inn of Court Award
  - The Richard T. Earle, Jr. Professionalism Award, 2020 - Awarded to a lawyer who demonstrates the highest degree of professionalism in the practice of law.
  - The Barney Award, 2015 - Awarded to a lawyer who demonstrates the highest degree of professionalism, ethics, civility and legal excellence in the practice of law.

## Alternate Contact

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## Practice Areas

- *Litigation and Dispute Resolution*
- *Mediation and Arbitration*
- *Personal Injury*

## Education

- J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 1994
  - Mock Trial Team National Champion
  - Recipient, Ralph Ferrell Trial Competition Award
- B.A., Stetson University, 1991

## Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Court, Northern, and Middle Districts of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

## Professional Involvement

- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyer Section
  - Executive Council Member, 2020-2025
- St. Petersburg Bar Association, Member
  - Chairperson Trial Practice Section: 2003-2005, 2013-2017
  - Executive Committee Member: 2004-2006, 2013-2016
- St. Petersburg Bar Foundation
- Clearwater Bar Association, Member
- Clearwater Bar Foundation, Trustee 2022-2023
- Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Barney Masterson Inn of Court
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow

## Community Involvement

- Adjunct Professor, Stetson University College of Law, Trial Practice, 2016, 2020
- ATLA Trial Team Coach, Stetson University, 1996-1997
- ABA Trial Team Coach, Stetson University, 1997-1998

## Thought Leadership

- "Professionalism Under Pressure: Ethics, Technology & Professional Responsibility," CLE Speaker, Clearwater Bar Association, January 2026
- "The Great Debate: 10 Controversial Mediation Related Topics," Moderator, Clearwater Bar Association, October 2022