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JESSICA LAFAURIE



Ms. LaFaurie is a partner at the Firm's Miami office and the Head of the Firm's Product Liability Department. In her professional career Ms. LaFaurie has successfully represented both corporate clients and private individuals in all phases of litigation before Local, State and Federal Courts. Her practice involves a wide array of complex civil and commercial litigation matters, with a primary focus on product liability and premises liability. Ms. LaFaurie's practice includes specific experience ranging from negligence and strict liability actions to complex business litigation, including marine, construction, commercial, torts, and real estate litigation.

Ms. LaFaurie received her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, which she attended on a merit scholarship. While at the University of Connecticut, Ms. LaFaurie majored in Political Science and minored in Sociology. She went on to commit two years to Teach for America in Miami-Dade County. Teach for America is a highly-selective non-profit organization which recruits leaders with a record in achievement to expand educational opportunities and close the achievement gap in low-income communities.

Ms. LaFaurie went on to earn her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami, School of Law. She was a member of the International and Comparative Law Review, wrote for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society blog, and participated in HOPE volunteer activities. Ms. LaFaurie received two CALI awards and one Dean's Certificate during her time at the University of Miami. She graduated *magna cum laude*.

LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP & HONORS

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- FAWL Member (Miami Dade Chapter)- Task Force Member
- Animal Law Member (Farm Animal Committee)
- Dean's Certificate of Academic Achievement (highest grade): Internet Law
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award (overall academic excellence): Internet Law
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award (overall academic excellence): Civil Rights and Economic Justice.
- Dean's List at University of Miami School of Law
- Americorp Award; Outstanding Merit Scholarship; Outstanding Public Interest Scholarship; Florida Matrimonial Scholarship; Leadership Scholarship; Academic Incentive Award

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, *magna cum laude*
- B.A., University of Connecticut, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- State of Florida
- State of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

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