



Jennifer Castro

Senior Counsel

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Jennifer Castro represents numerous aviation companies, including aerospace manufacturers, aircraft and engine leasing companies, aircraft managers, 14 CFR Part 135 charter operators, fleet owners, foreign airline operators, flight schools, and 14 CFR Part 145 repair stations in litigation involving insurance claims, federal regulatory and enforcement actions, contract disputes, wrongful death, and product liability.

She also represents numerous aviation professionals, such as fixed base operators, pilots, and flight attendants, in personal injury and property damage claims. In non-aviation matters, she represents numerous clients in trucking and automobile accidents, first-party property actions, premises liability actions, and § 1983 violation actions.

Professional Affiliations

- Broward County Bar Association
- National Business Aviation Association
- Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Shepard Broad College of Law – Nova Southeastern University
 - Certificate of Concentration in International Law, 2007

Representative Matters

Aviation Litigation

- Obtained a jury verdict in favor of an aviation charter company client, including an award for punitive damages. Served as second chair of a jury trial in state court which involved the unlawful dissemination of intellectual property.
- Obtained summary final judgment in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida in favor of a major domestic, commercial airline in a personal injury action where the plaintiff alleged a "hard landing," which caused her spinal fractures. Affirmed on appeal by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Industries

Aviation & Aerospace
Insurance & Reinsurance
Insurance Coverage

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Shepard Broad College of Law – Nova Southeastern University, 2007

B.A., Florida International University, 2004

Admissions

Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle, Northern, and Southern Districts of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Middle, Northern, and Southern Districts of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

Languages

Spanish



- Obtained a final order of dismissal for an international fixed base operator in a personal injury action where the plaintiff claimed common law negligence as to the provisions of "services" for the operation of an aircraft by arguing the claim was preempted by the Federal Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 (49 U.S.C. § 41713(b)), which expressly preempted the action and other matters "relating to price, route or service of an air carrier."
- Obtained an order directing an aircraft maintenance company to return an aircraft owned by an aircraft leasing corporation where it had perfected a lien against the aircraft but held onto possession of the aircraft in excess of three months in violation of Fla. Stat. § 85.011. Affirmed on appeal by the Third District Court of Appeal for the State of Florida.

Personal

Outside of practicing law, Jennifer enjoys cooking, reading, traveling, and having fun with her two children.