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## Ginny Childs

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Ginny Childs is the Orlando Office Managing Partner. She is a commercial litigator with significant experience in business torts, complex commercial foreclosures, non-compete agreements, creditors’ rights, and real estate and lender liability. Clients turn to Ginny for help with their most difficult legal issues, including guiding clients through litigation resulting from failed mergers and acquisitions to tortious interference, breaches of fiduciary duty, and theft of trade secrets. Clients (including banks, lenders, secured creditors, CMBS special servicers, receivers, and other segments of the financial services sector) value her ability to craft solutions and restructure debt in a way that helps them avoid or curtail litigation. When litigation is unavoidable, Ginny is an experienced lead trial lawyer and has obtained complete verdicts for her clients in two jury trials.

Ginny has significant experience in the areas of complex commercial foreclosures, loan workouts and secured transactions under Article 9 of the UCC. She also has experience handling matters involving torts, trade secrets, commercial contract disputes, and construction-related defects. In a trade secrets case, Ginny successfully drafted and argued a very extensive *Daubert* motion on loss of enterprise value, which, after it was granted by the Court, led to a very favorable settlement for her client.

Recently, Ginny has been involved in two noteworthy public records cases. In both cases, she represented the governmental agency facing litigation over whether records made by government-owned security cameras are confidential and exempt under Florida’s public records laws.

Ginny also has extensive experience in various tort and insurance-related cases and has represented some of the world’s largest and best known entities in litigation related to premises security, pre-employment background screening, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Notable Work

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### Areas of Experience

- Commercial Disputes
- Commercial Loan Enforcement and Secured Financing Litigation
- Financial Services
- Distressed Property Litigation
- Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants, and Unfair Competition
- Sports and Entertainment Law

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### Education

- J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2000
- B.A., LaGrange College, 1994, cum laude

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### Admissions

#### Bars

- Florida

#### Courts

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

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### Related Content

- Akerman Sponsors Annual CREW Orlando Celebration of Champions  
November 10, 2023
- Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide  
August 22, 2023
- Akerman Partner Ginny Childs Anticipates Tougher Consumer Privacy Rules for Banks in Florida  
May 12, 2022

**Trade Secrets:** Represented a cloud-based contract management company in the defense of a trade secrets case with a multimillion dollar demand. Prepared, prosecuted, and won a Daubert Motion in Federal Court challenging the Plaintiff's expert, resulting in elimination of the majority of Plaintiff's damages claims.

**Federal Government Contract Litigation:** Represented the Prime Contractor in a cost-reimbursement contract dispute with its subcontractor for a project at Cape Canaveral.

**Construction Litigation:** Represented a roofing products company facing allegations of fraud, misrepresentation, and negligence.

**Public Records Litigation:** Represented two government entities in high-profile public records matters.

**Financial Services:** Represented multiple financial institutions in state-wide, large-scale commercial litigation related to foreclosures and C&I loans.

**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities:** Represented CMBS special services in multi-million dollar foreclosures, receivers' sales, and loan workouts.

**Real Estate Litigation:** Represented receiver in litigation for four separate large-scale condominium developments undergoing foreclosure and turnover to the condominium association.

**Employment Litigation:** Represented one of the largest retailers in the world in a negligent hiring case dealing with pre-employment criminal background screening and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

## Published Work and Lectures

- Akerman LLP and Florida RMA, Lunch & Learn Webinar, "Staying Ahead of Market Trends - A Banker's Playbook," February 24, 2022
- Ginny Childs Quoted in *Orlando Business Journal*, "How This Woman Will Guide Akerman Law Firm's Growth in Orlando," September 14, 2018
- Akerman's Guide to Doing Business in Florida: A Legal Guide for Out-of-State and Foreign Businesses, Author, "The Foreclosure Process," 2016
- Practice Tips for Effective Depositions, Circuit Court Boot-Camp, Speaker, Pincus Education, April, 2016
- Lender Liabilities and Receiverships, Speaker, Practicing Law Institute (PLI) / Lorman, August 2013
- Lender Liabilities and Receiverships, Speaker, Practicing Law Institute (PLI) / Lorman, June 2013

## Affiliations

- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- SunTrust Advisory Board, Member
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando, Board Member, 2014 - Present
- Central Florida Inns of Court, Barrister Member, 2009-2011
- Coquina Condominium Owners Association, Past Board Member, 2008-2010

- Baldwin Park Residential Owners Association, Past Board Member, 2007-2008
- Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County, Past Board Member, 2005-2008
- Leadership Orlando, Class 65, June 2005
- Leadership Seminole, Class of 2003

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation
- *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite, 2015, Listed for Commercial Litigation
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2010, Listed in Florida as a "Rising Star" for Business Litigation and Construction Litigation
- Nominated for the *Orlando Business Journal's* 2015 Women Who Mean Business Award