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Overview

Irma Solares' practice focuses on complex state and federal litigation, representing both U.S. and foreign clients involved in commercial disputes and arbitration. She represents insurance carriers and financial institutions in market conduct examinations, regulatory investigations, and individual cases and class actions involving allegations of breach of contract, fraud, false advertising, breach of fiduciary duty, bad faith, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and violation of consumer protection statutes. She has defended matters involving elder abuse claims in California and Florida courts.

Irma also has substantial experience litigating labor and employment law disputes in state and federal courts and representing clients before administrative agencies such as the EEOC, the NLRB, and the FCHR. She has represented employers in single plaintiff and class/collective action claims of age, sex, race, and disability discrimination; claims alleging workplace harassment and retaliation; wage and hour claims; and trade secret litigation. In addition to litigating discrimination claims under the ADA, Irma also represents clients in ADA physical barrier and website accessibility claims. Irma regularly advises clients on a broad range of employment matters and has substantial experience negotiating, drafting, and litigating employment agreements. She has also litigated health and disability claims disputes under ERISA and has represented insurers in other litigation involving preferred provider agreements and rate disputes. She is a co-author of the Eleventh Circuit and D.C. Circuit chapters of the 2020 edition of *ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits*, published by the American Bar Association.

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Digital and E-Commerce Engagement and Innovation
- ERISA Employee Benefit Plan Litigation
- Financial Services Regulatory
- Insurance
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation and Trials

Industries

- Insurance
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions
- Property & Casualty Insurance

Insights

09.28.2023

SCOTUS Removes Burden Handicapping Appeals Seeking Arbitration

09.28.2023

Stakes Are High: Lawsuits Expose Deficient COBRA Notices

08.02.2023

Four Points for Your Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use Policy

05.25.2023

Medical Incapacity Does Not Toll Life Insurance Conversion Period

04.15.2023

2023 Carlton Fields Class Action Survey Review - Class Action Trends and Best Practices

09.08.2022

Circuit Courts Continue to Navigate ERISA's Murky Waters

05.11.2022

When Hidden Truths Become Material Misrepresentations

01.11.2022

Insurance Industry Leads on DEI Initiatives

05.05.2021

ERISA Fiduciary Duty Claim Against Plan Not Subject to Arbitration

12.15.2020

Not If, But When: Applying the ADA's Accessibility Requirements to Mobile Apps

09.03.2020

ERISA Disability Plan Insurers Score Important Circuit Court Victories

04.13.2020

Policy Lapse Notice Claims on the Rise in California

02.06.2020

2019 Year-End Class Action Roundup

12.05.2019

Eleventh Circuit and D.C. Circuit

ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits

10.04.2019

Autoerotic Asphyxiation Ruling Brews Circuit Split on Coverage

10.04.2019

Ninth Circuit Steps In-Line on Arbitrability of ERISA Claims

08.13.2019

Labor and Employment Cases Top the Class Action List in Latest Carlton Fields Survey

07.11.2019

Considerations for Use of Arbitration Agreements to Curtail Class Claims

03.31.2018

Nonpayment of an Insurance Claim is Not Elder Abuse

01.20.2015

Employment and Labor Law Road Map for Employers Entering the U.S. Market

09.19.2014

NAIC Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Working Group Recommends Development of Model Law and Comment Letter to Uniform Law Commission

09.16.2014

Louisiana Issues Advisory Letter Regarding Use of the Social Security Administration's Death Master File

08.08.2014

Florida Court Rejects "Date of Death" Trigger for Escheating Life Insurance Death Benefits Under Florida's Unclaimed Property Act

03.31.2014

Sixth Circuit Revisits Controversial ERISA Decision

03.31.2014

Unclaimed Property Round Up

03.14.2014

NAIC's Newly Appointed Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Working Group Seeks Comments Before the Spring National Meeting

03.05.2014

Department of Commerce Seeks Public Comment on Certification Program for Death Master File Access

01.03.2014

West Virginia Court Dismisses Lawsuits Challenging Life Insurers' Unclaimed Death Benefits Practices

08.20.2013

Life Insurers Win Dismissal of Class Action Challenging Death Benefit Payment Practices

04.02.2013

Staking Claims: Unclaimed Property Update Q1 2013

01.28.2013

Hold the "Processes": N.Y.'s New Unclaimed Benefits Law May Be Changing

01.31.2006

Employment Law: A State-by-State Compendium (Florida Chapter)

News

10.04.2022

Class Action Litigator Jason Gould Rejoins Carlton Fields in Washington, D.C.

08.13.2019

Class Action and Labor & Employment Attorneys Publish Article in Westlaw Journal of Employment and Thomson Reuters: L&E Cases Top Class-action List in Latest Carlton Fields Class Action Survey

08.02.2017

Law360 Names Carlton Fields a Top Law Firm For Associates and Female and Minority Equity Partners

07.23.2017

Law360 Names Carlton Fields a Top Law Firm For Female Partners

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Labor and Employment Litigation (2023-2024)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2006–2007)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
 - Vice Chair, Health and Disability Insurance Law Committee
 - Labor and Employment Law Section
- Association of Life Insurance Counsel
- Federal Bar Association, South Florida Chapter
- The Florida Bar
 - Labor and Employment Law Section
- Cuban American Bar Association
- Dade County Bar Association
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida Inc.
 - Board of Directors
- Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust
 - Board of Directors (2000–2010)

Speaking Engagements

- "Account Takeover Fraud," ACLI Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (September 28, 2023)
- "[2023 Carlton Fields Class Action Survey Review - Class Action Trends and Best Practices](#)," Carlton Fields (April 11, 2023)
- "Advancing Fairness at Work Through Robust – and EEO-Compliant – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts," 2021 ACLI Annual Conference (October 12, 2021)
- "Recent Developments in Insurance Litigation," ACLI Compliance & Legal Sections Annual Meeting (July 2019)
- "Wage and Hour Workshop," Carlton Fields, Miami, FL (October 26, 2016)
- "Wage and Hour Law Developments: Evaluating Your Company's Risks and Strategies and Preparing for New Regulatory Changes," Miami, FL (October 2016)

- "Overview of a Class Action Lawsuit," ABA 40th Annual TIPS Midwinter Symposium on Insurance and Employee Benefits, Austin, TX (January 2014)
- "Tier-Rating of Health Insurance – When and Where Is Individual Re-Underwriting for Claim History Permitted?," ABA 35th Annual TIPS Midwinter Symposium on Insurance and Employee Benefits (January 2009)
- "Recent Developments Regarding Procedural and Jurisdictional Issues Relating to CAFA," ABA 33rd Annual TIPS Midwinter Symposium on Insurance and Employee Benefits (January 2007)
- "Dealing With the Injured or Ill Employee – What the Human Resources Professional Needs to Know About FMLA, ADA, and Workers' Compensation Laws," DRI's Annual Employment and Labor Law Seminar (May 2006)

Credentials

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1988)
- University of Miami (B.A., 1985)

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Languages

- Spanish

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas