



# Darnesha Carter

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## Overview

Darnesha Carter's practice focuses on commercial litigation. She has experience with a variety of federal and state law issues, and she has worked on matters involving employment, health care, construction, product liability, and local government law.

Darnesha's litigation experience includes defending corporations in class actions. In a recent WARN Act putative class action, she was instrumental in securing an early voluntary dismissal with prejudice in favor of her client, without the expense of motion practice and extended litigation. She also has experience handling multijurisdictional and securities-related class actions in state and federal court. Darnesha regularly writes on current trends involving class actions and the Class Action Fairness Act and is a frequent contributor to the firm's *Classified: The Class Action Blog*.

Prior to joining Carlton Fields, Darnesha served as a senior law clerk to the Honorable Mary S. Scriven of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. There, she conducted legal research, drafted orders, managed and monitored a portion of the case docket, and assisted the Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instruction Committee. Darnesha was the valedictorian of her class at Stetson University College of Law, the first African American woman in the school's history to achieve that honor. She was also awarded the Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award, which recognizes one student each year for his or her passion for the legal profession, commitment to serve the family of human kind, and being the best all-around student.

## All Insights

02.25.2021    OSHA to Investigate Whistleblower Retaliation Complaints Under Newest Antitrust and Money Laundering Laws

09.21.2020    Authority Over Efficiency: District Court Lacks Authority To Rule On Arbitration Preemption Question

05.08.2020    More Alike Than Different: Sixth Circuit Instructs MDL Court to Find Efficiencies Within Federal Rules Governing Individual Cases

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- 03.25.2020 Another Premature Motion to Strike Class Allegations Bites the Dust
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- 01.13.2020 The Game of Forfeiture: Fumbling the Ball and How the Court May Recover It
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- 01.09.2020 Not So Fast! A Class Action Is Not an Appropriate Vehicle to Avoid Your Speeding Ticket
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- 01.08.2020 Eleventh Circuit Takes Life Insurance Reinstatement Claims at Face Value for CAFA Amount-In-Controversy Purposes
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- 01.07.2020 Who Me? Couldn't Be: Eleventh Circuit Finds Plaintiffs Lack Standing to Sue Ala. Attorney General in Equal Protection Lawsuit
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- 11.13.2019 Should I Stay or Should I Go? Bankruptcy Preemption May Bar FDCPA and FCCPA Claims Either Way

## All News

- 10.24.2019 Carlton Fields Adds Two Litigators in Tampa

## Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation (2021)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2016)
  - Edward D. Foreman Most Distinguished Student Award
- Florida A&M University (B.A., summa cum laude, 2013)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

### COURT ADMISSIONS

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

### CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Mary S. Scriven, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

## Areas of Focus

### PRACTICES

- Appellate & Trial Support
- Cannabis Law
- Class Actions
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- ERISA Employee Benefit Plan Litigation
- Government Law & Consulting
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation and Trials
- Securities and Derivative Litigation
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- White Collar Crime & Government Investigations