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Overview

Rachel Oostendorp's practice focuses on appellate litigation and trial support in federal and state courts, with a special interest in constitutional law, including First Amendment, defamation, and emerging topics such as social media and fake news. She also works on state and local government issues, including access to government-held information and local referenda challenges and initiatives.

Rachel assists with all aspects of appeals and litigation, including drafting dispositive trial motions and appellate briefs, preparing jury instructions and other trial support, and evaluating appellate issues. She often assists lawyers inside and outside the firm in preparation for appellate oral argument, including by participating in moot court sessions. Rachel is also active in pro bono matters at both the trial and appellate level, including amicus briefs.

Rachel clerked for the Honorable Adalberto Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Honorable Beth Bloom of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Prior to clerking, Rachel served as a fellow in the Georgetown University Law Center's Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, where she supported litigation and global policy advocacy by and for women living with HIV. She also holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan.

All Insights

02.06.2020 The Three "Musts" for a Competent Affidavit or Declaration

10.10.2019 Protecting Against Illegal Rentals in Miami Beach

02.20.2019 Preserved, Actually: Preservation of Arguments Definitively Rejected by the Trial Court

10.03.2018 Timely and Specific: Making Objections to Federal Magistrate Reports

03.06.2018 So You're Telling Me There's A Chance! – The Difference Between Waiver and Forfeiture

All News

11.20.2017 Rachel A. Oostendorp Joins Carlton Fields in Miami

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2013)
 - Order of the Coif
 - *University of Miami Law Review*
- University of Michigan School of Public Health (M.P.H., 2010)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2007)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Florida State Courts

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Adalberto Jordan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Hon. Beth Bloom, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Appellate & Trial Support