



## OVERVIEW

Kimberly Fernandes is a Partner and Business Unit Leader focusing her practice on the handling of workers' compensation claims, general liability claims, and first-party property claims in both Florida and Georgia. She proudly serves as Director of the firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Across the expanse of her illustrious career, Kim has adeptly navigated the intricacies of more than a hundred and fifty appellate cases, spanning a wide array of legal practice areas. As a testament to her appellate advocacy skills, Kim successfully coached a high school mock trial team that won the state title and went on to compete nationally.

Kim has been called upon to provide expert testimony before the Florida Legislature, particularly in matters concerning seminal workers' compensation laws. Complementing her workers' compensation expertise, Kim has mastered the nuances surrounding the Medicare Secondary Payer Regulations, offering erudite guidance on alternative avenues for the preservation of jeopardized settlements pertaining to broad spectrum of injury claims.

Furthermore, Kim's resolute commitment lies in defending insurance carriers within tort litigation, encompassing areas like premises liability, automobile, and trucking cases. Her expertise extends to safeguarding the concerns of property insurers in Florida, focusing on first-party coverage for a range of claims, including sinkholes, windstorms, fires, molds, theft, and losses linked to water damage.

Kim is certified by the state of Florida to provide Continuing Education courses for employers and insurance carriers and she regularly presents seminars regarding case law updates, indemnity offsets, MSA issues, and other general workers' compensation matters.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- First-Party Property Insurance Defense
- Appellate
- Commercial Property
- Workers' Compensation

## ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Georgia
- United States Court of Appeal, Eleventh Circuit

## EDUCATION

- Florida State College of Law, J.D., 1996
- Florida State University, B.A., 1993

## ASSOCIATIONS

- The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Member
- The Florida Justice Reform Institute, Member

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "FL Workers' Compensation 101," July 2022
- Speaker, "Major Contributing Cause in Florida Workers' Compensation," July 2022

- Speaker, *"4 Hour Law and Ethics Update,"* March 2022
- Speaker, *Florida Workers' Compensation 101*, April 2021
- Speaker, *Top Ten Workers' Compensation Cases of 2020 Webinar*, August 2020
- Speaker, *Florida Workers' Compensation Deadlines and Timeframes*, July 2020
- *Mechanism of Injury*, October 2018
- *Law and Ethics Update*, September 2018
- *Depositions*, July 2018
- *Accident Investigation*, July 2018
- *FL Workers' Compensation Deadlines and Time Frames*, March 2018
- *FL Workers' Compensation Deadlines and Time Frames*, February 2018
- *Webinar – Florida Medical Marijuana Laws & How They Impact the Workplace*, November 2017
- *2017 Law & Ethics Update Webinar*, November 2017
- *2017 Law & Ethics Update Webinar*, September 2017
- *The Impact of Landmark WC Cases on Adjusting Claims*, July 2017
- *Medical Marijuana: Are You Prepared for the Impact?*, July 2017
- *Law and Ethics Update*, September 2016
- *Case Law Update Webinar: Castellanos, Stahl, Westphal, and Miles*, August 2016
- *MSA Analysis and Strategy Following Changes by CMS*, July 2016
- *Case Law Update*, June 2016
- *Work Product And Attorney-Client Privilege*, May 2016
- *Case Law Update*, January 2016
- *Medical Marijuana: Are You Prepared For the Impact?*, October 2015
- *Fraud Upon the Court*, August 2015
- *Medical Marijuana: Who's Liable & Are You Ready*, 2015 RIMS Conference, July 2015
- *Compensability of the Claim*, July 2015
- *Workers' Compensation Guide to Fraud and Case Law*, June 2015
- *5 HR Law & Ethics Update*, May 2015
- *Workers' Compensation Guide to Fraud and Case Law*, March 2015
- *5 HR Law & Ethics Update*, July 2014
- *Social Security and Unemployment Offset*, May 2014
- *Compensability of the Claim*, December 2013
- *Battle Between Managing Workers' Compensation Claims & Medicare*, July 2013
- *Fraud Upon the Court*, Paralegal Association of Florida, January 2013
- *Permanent Total Disability; Social Security Offsets*, January 2012
- *What's New with MSA's*, July 2012
- *Social Security & Unemployment Offsets*, November 2012

- *Social Security Offsets*, January 2011
  - *Social Security and Unemployment Offset*, January 2011
  - *Social Security and Unemployment Offsets*, September 2011
  - *Case Law Update, Final Hearings, Appeals*, June 2010
  - *Juggling the Cases of 2010 and Preparing for the New 60-Q...*, November 2010
  - *Permanent Total Disability, Social Security Offsets, Supplements & How to Calculate*, December 2010
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## MEDIA

- Quoted, "In Reversal, Florida Appellate Court Awards \$805K in Attorney Fees", *Daily Business Review*, January 2024
- Quoted, "Assault on Stability and Predictability in the Law: Third DCA Certifies Insurance Action to Florida High Court", *Daily Business Review*, January 2024
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Continues Firm-Wide Philanthropic Initiative with Military Care Package Drive", *Attorney at Law Magazine*, September 18, 2017
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Continues Firm-wide Philanthropic Initiative with Military Care Package Drive", *Tampa Bay Newswire*, September 14, 2017
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg's Military Care Package Drive", *Business Observer*, September 13, 2017
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Continues Firm-wide Philanthropic Initiative with Military Care Package Drive", *Sun-Sentinel*, August 31, 2017
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Continues Firm-wide Philanthropic Initiative with Military Care Package Drive", *CityBizList South Florida*, August 31, 2017
- Featured, "Workers' Compensation Bill Gets the Green Light After Brief Debate", *Politico*, April 3, 2017
- Featured, "Ex-Players Drop Case to Force NFL to Pay Workers' Compensation for Concussions", *Insurance Journal*, December 28, 2016
- Featured, "The Biggest Fla. Court Decisions of 2016: Midyear Report", *Law360*, July 25, 2016
- Featured, "Florida Braces for Rate Hikes, Litigation Due to Workers' Compensation Fee Ruling", *Insurance Journal*, April 29, 2016
- Featured, "Lawyers Want High Court to Turn Back Clock in Workers' Comp Appeal", *Daily Business Review*, March 29, 2016
- Featured, "Kelley Kronenberg Launches Firm Wide Philanthropic Initiative with a School Supplies Drive", *Tampa Bay Newswire*, October 2, 2015
- Featured, "Florida Businesses, Insurers to Fight Ruling Overturning Workers' Comp System", *Insurance Journal*, August 19, 2014

## Publications

- Author, "Court Junks Attorney Fee Schedule, Rejects Challenge to Workers' Comp Law", *Daily Business Review*, May 3, 2016
- Author, "1st DCA's decision in workers' compensation case creates controversy", *Daily Business Review*, March 19, 2012
- Author, "High court decisions focus on electronic documents", *Daily Business Review*, June 27, 2012
- Author, "Ruling empowers employers challenging advance payments", *Daily*

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*Business Review*, November 13, 2013

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## CASE VICTORIES

- KK's 1st Party Property Appellate Team Secures Affirmation of Trial Court's Dismissal of Assignment of Benefits Case with Prejudice, August 2022
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## AWARDS

- *Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable*, "Women Leaders in Law," 2023