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ELEANOR T. BARNETT FOCUSES HER PRACTICE ON COMPLEX COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS LITIGATION, TRUST AND PROBATE LITIGATION, AS WELL AS EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION.

She has experience litigating matters in both state and federal courts throughout Florida and other jurisdictions throughout the country. She has handled matters through trial in various areas of business disputes, including actions involving employment discrimination, construction, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, partnership disputes, all facets of real estate matters and copyright and trademark infringement.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIONS

- Served as second chair at trial when Waldman Barnett secured a \$26 million jury verdict in favor of its client, the developers of Privé at Island Estates, a luxury condominium project. The suit, brought by neighboring homeowners' associations to stop the building of the two-tower condominium project, ended with a series of wins and the ultimate settlement payment of \$21.6 million to the developers for damages incurred during the five-year legal battle.
- Secured summary judgment in favor of Privé Developers, LLC, various other entities, and three individuals against defamation and malicious prosecution claims in federal court seeking punitive damages.
- Worked as part of the team that secured a jury verdict of over \$20 million and \$4 million in punitive damages against Marriott International and other defendants regarding fraudulent activity by joint venturers concerning a failed hotel resort project in the Bahamas. (Partially Settled and Reversed on Appeal as to Marriott).
- Successfully defended client and trustee in bitter dispute between siblings in federal court for control of trust assets.
- In a \$45-million claim against property manager, termite company and other parties for pervasive mold, water and termite damage at a 40-building residential apartment complex adjacent to the University of Central Florida, helped to secure a Spoliation of Evidence order and "adverse inference" against any claim for liability at trial.
- Defended to verdict a seven-figure claim by a beneficiary concerning interpretation of codicil to will involving contractual obligations and control of a large television station group.
- Defended through successful resolution of purported class action in Southern District of Florida against national telephone provider for claims of unfair and deceptive trade practices.
- Successfully defended two different manufacturers of creams and lotions in two separate actions in the Southern District of Florida and the Federal District of Utah for trademark infringement and breach of contract.

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, J.D. 2000
Georgetown University, B.A. 1997 *cum laude*

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Trust and Probate Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Insurance Coverage and Disputes
- Real Property Disputes

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of the Federal Courts in Florida

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Named in The Best Lawyers in America[®] for Commercial Litigation, 2020
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2015
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite Up and Comer, 2012