



## Monica Schmucker

### Associate

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Monica is a former Deputy Attorney General in Indiana and brings her keen investigation experience to her Florida litigation practice for two reasons — to be a compassionate advocate for her clients who fall victim to opportunistic litigants and to help prevent abuse of the legal system. Today, she focuses her practice in the defense of negligence, personal injury, premises liability, vehicle negligence, and wrongful death claims. She is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts, as well as the U.S. Middle District Court for Florida.

Monica embraces the opportunity each case brings to think outside the box and develop a customized litigation strategy to protect the interests and support the goals of her clients. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a lawyer is being a true strategic partner with her clients and achieving a favorable outcome or resolution in each case. Best Lawyers in America named Monica "One to Watch" in 2021. In 2020, Authority Magazine featured Monica in the article: "How Attorney Monica Schmucker Tackles The Extreme Work Life Balance Of Being A Woman Business Leader During Covid-19."

Before attending law school, Monica taught English at both Miami Dade County Public Schools and Miami Dade College until she relocated to Indiana to attend law school. While in law school, she worked at the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic helping clients in cases involving mortgage foreclosure and mortgage fraud issues. After law school, she clerked for Judge Kathleen Lang in LaPorte County Superior Court and later joined the Office of the Indiana Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General in the Licensing Enforcement and Homeowner Protection Unit. She then began practicing insurance defense litigation in Indianapolis until relocating to Southwest Florida.

Monica is originally from Miami, Florida, and is fluent in Spanish. She is married and has two young children. When not working, Monica enjoys boating, scuba diving, and reading a good book on the beach with her husband, son, and daughter.

## Professional & Civic Affiliations

Monica is a member of the Lee County Bar Association and Lee County Association for Women's Lawyers. She is a member of the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club Board of Directors and Chair of the Social Committee.

## Education

- Florida International University, B.A.
- University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- Admitted to The Florida Bar

## Practice Areas

- Tort & Insurance