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Jennifer Guerra is an Atlanta-based Member whose clients look to her for advice and risk management services in commercial and business litigation. After almost a decade of general liability litigation, her practice evolved and now focuses on the counseling and representation of lawyers, accountants and other professionals who find themselves facing claims or grievances. She also handles product liability, insurance coverage and other substantial litigation matters.

Because Jennifer's practice touches on so many different subjects, she gets to dive in and become a "mini- specialist" in fields such as real estate, trusts & estates, corporate governance, tax, audit and data privacy & security. She is honored to be asked regularly to speak and write on risk management issues and is a go-to resource for defense attorneys tackling the complexities of the tripartite (insurer-insured-lawyer) relationship and time-limited settlement demands.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Appellate Advocacy
- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith & Regulatory Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Successfully defended an AMLAW 200 firm in a legal malpractice case arising from international patent applications. Following a multi-week trial, the jury returned a verdict of less than 1 percent of the damages sought by Plaintiffs.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Slow Death of the Tripartite Relationship

  Spring 2025 National Legal Malpractice Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 2-4, 2025 *,with* *Matthew W. Breetz*
- Staying Alive in the Legal "Bermuda Triangle" - Navigating Ethical Issues in the Tripartite Relationship

  Speaker, 56th Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA) Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida, June 15-18, 2023
- Diversity Matters - Driving Success in High-Level Decision Making Amongst Lawyers and Clients

  Driving Diversity in Law & Leadership Summit, Atlanta, September 14, 2022 *,with* *Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- Louisville law firm announces big growth in Atlanta

  by Jason Thomas, *Louisville Business First*, January 27, 2022 *,with* *Derrick L. Bingham*, *Julie Comer Cahill*, *R. Ann Grier*, *Thomas J. Mihill (TJ)*, *Daniel B. Millman* *and* *Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- Stites & Harbison Continues Expansion in Atlanta: Lands Commercial Litigation Team of 12 from Copeland, Stair, Kingma & Lovell LLP

  FranklinIs, January 25, 2022 *,with* *Daniel B. Millman* *and* *Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- 19 Attorneys Move to Stites & Harbison, Rapidly Growing Atlanta Team

  by Jacob Polacheck, *Daily Report*, January 25, 2022 *,with* *Derrick L. Bingham*, *Julie Comer Cahill*, *R. Ann Grier*, *Thomas J. Mihill (TJ)*, *Daniel B. Millman* *and* *Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- Stites & Harbison Adds 19 To Atlanta Team From 2 Firms

  Law360, January 24, 2022

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Office of General Counsel, Ethics Subcommittee, Member
- Atlanta Office Recruiting Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- State Bar of Georgia
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA)
- Atlanta Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Historic Oakland Foundation, Volunteer
- Kappa Kappa Gamma, House Board Member (Epsilon Epsilon)

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania Law School J.D., 2007
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill B.A., Double Major: Dramatic Arts and American History, 2004, with honors

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Born and raised in Miami, Jennifer is a first-generation Cuban-American who grew up somewhere between the Orange Bowl and the Everglades. Despite bleeding orange and green, life steered her thespian talents to college in Chapel Hill where she tackled everything from Oscar Wilde to Federico Garcia Lorca and Shakespeare. After turning her acting prowess into a J.D., she came back South to carve out a home and career. Jennifer and her husband live in East Atlanta Village with their collection of cars (and cats). If they aren't making their way around Atlanta's food & beverage scene, they're probably hitting the open road in search of a beach.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants (2026-27)
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Atlanta Area Lawyer of the Year in Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants (2027)
- Legal 500, US City Elite, Commercial Disputes (2026)