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Shannon Sprinkle is a Member in the Atlanta office with nearly 25 years of experience focused on professional malpractice, real estate, and finance related claims. She has represented professionals, firms, and businesses of all sizes in high stakes litigation involving matters such as financial fraud, product liability, and complex commercial disputes. In addition to her litigation practice, Shannon provides strategic risk management counsel helping clients prevent claims, mitigate exposure, and navigate inquiries from licensing boards and other professional governing bodies.

She also serves as outside general counsel for numerous professional service firms and lenders offering guidance on employment issues, contract matters, data privacy concerns, and related compliance questions. Shannon frequently litigates in these areas as well, achieving significant outcomes through summary judgments, dispositive motions, and trial victories.

Her experience further includes litigating a wide range of product liability claims, from recreational equipment to truck and fuel pump components. Shannon is well versed in emergency response site investigations, evidence preservation and spoliation issues, and the complex expert witness challenges that arise in product liability matters.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals

- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security
- Employment Law
- Employment Litigation
- Construction

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.
- Successfully upheld summary judgment grant in favor of international accounting firm on appeal.
- Favorably resolved potential claims brought against auditors arising out of an acquisition transaction avoiding costly litigation.
- Secured settlement for a national law firm resolving claims from bankruptcy trustee and lender arising from a \$25 million dollar defaulted loan avoiding expected litigation in multiple venues.
- Secured pre-answer dismissal in the Middle District of Georgia for claims asserted against a law firm.
- Prevailed on a Motion to Dismiss on behalf of law firm, partner, and former associate.
- Motion to Strike Anti-SLAPP claims affirmed on appeal resulting in fee award to defendant law firm.
- Won a motion to dismiss for a client in a Federal Syndicated Conservation Easement class action filed against 30 different defendants including lawyers, accountants, appraisers, promoters, and engineers. Claims included RICO, malpractice, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud. Our client was one of only six defendants who were dismissed by the 251 page order.
- Secured a defense verdict after a two week plus trial for their national law firm client accused of wrongful foreclosure activities and GA RICO claims arising out of an alleged erroneous loan payoff.
- Shannon Sprinkle and Evan Elam secured summary judgment for the U.S. partner of a global accounting firm accused of defamation and tortious interference with contract arising out of an audit engagement.

- Shannon Sprinkle and Dan Millman secured summary judgment for their law firm client accused of malpractice arising out of disputes over a confirmed bankruptcy plan.
- Successfully negotiated a favorable resolution of arbitration claims arising out of alleged failures in a Managed Services Agreement after the claimant suffered a cyber-breach resulting in the misdirected payment of several hundred thousands of dollars in vendor payments.
- Negotiated the successful resolution of legal malpractice claims asserted against a national law firm arising out of the previous settlement of hundreds of FLSA claims totaling several million dollars. The settlement reached for our client was less than the anticipated costs of defense of the claim.
- Shannon Sprinkle and Dan Millman defeated ADA claims against a recruiting firm and a staffing company in *Akins, v. Cella, Inc.*, 2022 WL 688847 (N.D. Ga. July 18, 2022) and *Levins v. Connect Staffing, Inc.*, 2022 WL 2187109 (N.D. Ga. May 31, 2022). In both cases, the court agreed that the employers' termination decisions were lawful and justified based on the employees' actions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Take-Aways from Accountants' Liability 2025 Conference: Navigating the Changing Regulatory Landscape and Risks from Emerging Technologies
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 11, 2025
- People on the Move: Shannon M. Sprinkle
by editor, *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, June 3, 2025
- Stites & Harbison Names Litigator As New Atlanta Leader
By Emily Johnson, *Law360 Pulse*, May 30, 2025
- Georgia Legislature Passes Hotly Debated Tort Reform Measures
,with [Evan W. Elam](#) Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 10, 2025
- Session IV
panel member, Professional and Ethical Dilemmas in Litigation, State Bar of Georgia, March 27, 2025
- Year in Review: Significant Developments in Legal Malpractice Cases of 2024
panelist, Hinshaw's 24th Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management (LMRM) Conference, Chicago, March 5, 2025
- 9 legal malpractice trends in 2024

by Danielle Braff, ABA Journal, May 22, 2024

- Despite Tech Vendor's 'Admitted Negligence,' Ex-FisherBroyles Client May Struggle to Recover Damages
by Justin Henry, Reporter, Law.com, April 24, 2024
- **Litigation Trends**
Data Security and Privacy Symposium, Atlanta Bar Association CLE, April 17, 2024
- **Nip and Tuck: Timely, Imaginative, and Successful Strategies to Pare a Legal Malpractice**
co-speaker, Spring 2024 National Legal Malpractice Conference, American Bar Association, New Orleans, La., April 3-5, 2024
- **Trends in Non-Malpractice Claims Against Lawyers and Law Firms**
co-speaker, 23rd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management (LMRM) Conference, Chicago, Ill., March 5–7, 2024
- 'Or They Could Have Fired Deloitte': Embattled CFO Appeals Case, Arguing Auditor Pressed Company Into Firing Him
by Alex Anteau, *Daily Report*, January 25, 2024
- **Statute of Limitations: Lawyers Go Toe-To-Toe**
8th Annual Accounting Risk Management Seminar, Atlanta, November 7, 2023
- Ensuring Enforcement of Electronically Executed Arbitration Agreements
,with [Evan W. Elam](#) Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 25, 2023
- Georgia Court of Appeals Holds that Non-Solicitation-of-Employees Restrictive Covenants Must Have Express Geographic Limitations
,with [Daniel B. Millman](#) Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 10, 2023
- **Cheating Clients/Lying Lawyers: A General Counsel's Dilemma**
panelist, 22nd Annual LMRM Conference, Chicago, March 7–9, 2023
- **Incident Preparedness: Developing a Program to Respond to Security Incidents**
Moderator, Data Security and Privacy Symposium, Atlanta, February 8, 2023
- **7th Annual Accounting Risk Management Seminar**
presented by Stites & Harbison's Accounting Defense Team, Atlanta, GA, October 26, 2022 ,with [Brian A. Cromer](#) and [William M. Joseph \(Bill\)](#)
- **Diversity Matters - Driving Success in High-Level Decision Making Amongst Lawyers and Clients**
Driving Diversity in Law & Leadership Summit, Atlanta, September 14, 2022 ,with [Jennifer M. Guerra](#)
- **Navigating the Intersection of Cyber and Professional Liability**
SHRM-Atlanta Legal Summit, May 12, 2022
- Key Takeaways from the American Bar Association's Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Conference
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 28, 2022
- 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](#), [Jennifer M. Guerra](#), [Thomas J. Mihill \(TJ\)](#) and [Daniel B. Millman](#)

- Stites & Harbison Continues Expansion in Atlanta: Lands Commercial Litigation Team of 12 from Copeland, Stair, Kingma & Lovell LLP

Franklin's, January 25, 2022 ,with [Jennifer M. Guerra](#) and [Daniel B. Millman](#)

- 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](#), [Jennifer M. Guerra](#), [Thomas J. Mihill \(TJ\)](#) and [Daniel B. Millman](#)

- Stites & Harbison Adds 19 To Atlanta Team From 2 Firms

Law360, January 24, 2022

- Hot Topics in Data Privacy & Cybersecurity

Atlanta Bar Association's By The Hour Series, May 1, 2021

- Ethical Considerations for Business Lawyers

38th Annual Business Law Institute, Atlanta, October 31, 2019

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Atlanta Office Executive Member (May 2025-present)
- Office of General Counsel, Member; Former Ethics Subcommittee Member
- Recruiting Committee, Atlanta Office, Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association,
 - Member At Large
 - Privacy and Cyberspace Law Section, Member
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

EDUCATION

- Tulane Law School J.D., *cum laude* 2001
- University of Florida B.A., with honors, 1998

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Shannon was the Managing Partner of Copeland, Stair, Kingma & Lovell LLP, a Southeastern civil litigation law firm.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation (2023-26)
- *GaBiz Magazine*, Top 2026 Lawyers (Commercial Law)
- *Georgia Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars (2006-07, 2009-17)
- *The Daily Report*, 25 Lawyers On the Rise (2016)