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Andrea focuses her practice on the defense of matters involving medical malpractice, veterinary malpractice, premises liability, employment discrimination and The Americans With Disabilities Act. She represents hospitals, physicians, veterinarians, nurses, and therapists in health care and professional liability matters. Andrea is a member of the Florida Bar, the Orange County Bar Association and the Central Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council.

Andrea has experience representing veterinarians in professional licensing matters. In one such case, Andrea successfully defended a veterinarian in a claim against her license involving a surgical procedure performed on a canine. After reviewing the response to the Complaint, the Probable Cause Panel of the Board of Veterinary Medicine determined that the case should be closed without any further investigation or impact on the veterinarian's license.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Andrea focused her practice on defending clients in high-exposure medical malpractice, premises liability and automobile negligence matters. Andrea was also a paralegal for seven years at a plaintiff's law firm specializing in complex medical malpractice cases.

Andrea is native of Peru and is fluent in Spanish. She has traveled extensively and studied in Madrid, Spain. In 2001, Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and foreign languages from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She received her juris doctor from Florida A&M University College of Law in December of 2007.

## Education

- Florida A&M University College of Law (J.D., 2007)
- Rollins College (B.A., 2001)

## Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Behavioral Health Risk & Liability
- Veterinary Liability
- General Liability

## **Admissions**

- Florida, 2008
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2011
- U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, 2013

## **Associations & Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- Central Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council, Inc.
- Florida Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association

## **Published Works**

- "Effective Communication Strategies For Deaf Patients." *Healthcare Business Today*, September 12, 2017
- "Florida's Apparent Increase on Caps for Damages Recoverable in Cases Against Providers of Foster Care Services Is Misleading," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 21, No. 2, June 2015
- *Case Law Alerts*, regular contributor, 2013-present
- "New Change to Florida Law Affects Physicians' Ability to Retain Out of State Experts to Defend Medical Malpractice Suits," *South Florida Hospital News*, Vol 8 Iss 6 December 2011