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Rylee is an associate in the Casualty Department, where she represents defendants in matters involving admiralty and maritime law, negligence, premises liability, and personal injury. Before joining Marshall Dennehey as an associate, she served as a summer law clerk with the firm.

Rylee received her Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She received her *juris doctor* from Stetson University College of Law. During law school, Rylee completed an externship in the Florida Circuit Court (Trial) in Tampa, served as Professor Tomer Stein's teaching assistant for Contracts and research assistant, and served as Dean Anne Mullins' research assistant. Rylee was awarded the Highest Grade Distinction in Appellate Practice & Advocacy, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Business Entities. Outside of the classroom, Rylee volunteered her time with Bay Area Legal Services Family Forms Clinic, Gulfcoast Legal Services Financial Stability Department, and Pinellas County Domestic Violence Group CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse).

In her spare time, Rylee enjoys watching hockey, spending time with her nephews, and practicing mixed martial arts.

Education

- Stetson University College of Law (J.D., 2024)
- University of Florida (B.S., *cum laude*, 2019)

Admissions

- Florida, 2025
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2025
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2025
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2025

Practices

- Maritime Litigation
- General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation

Associations & Memberships

- Barney Masterson American Inn of Court