

# Sophia E. D. Philor

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Sophia is a member of the Professional Liability Department where she focuses her practice on representing businesses, directors and officers, design professionals, contractors and homeowners' associations in commercial, professional liability, construct defect, architectural, engineering, and employment disputes

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Sophia practiced first-party property defense. In 2024, she was selected to the Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list for her exceptional work in civil litigation defense and was named a Top Lawyer by *Palm Beach Illustrated*.

Sophia received her *juris doctor* from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. During law school, Sophia participated in several student organizations. She served as the Social Media and Marketing Director for the Black Law Student Association. She also gained valuable experience and knowledge as an intern with Legal-Aid Coast to Coast Family law division, where she provided legal information and guidance to Pro Se litigants and a law clerk at an Immigration firm. Further, Sophia also participated in legal clinics including the Dispute Resolution Clinic, where she co-mediated and arbitrated cases and eventually became a Florida Supreme Court County Mediator and a Qualified Arbitrator, as well as the Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic, where she offered transactional representation and legal advice to entry level entrepreneurs, innovators and start-up businesses under the supervision of the clinic director.

Sophia currently lives in Broward and enjoys spending her spare time at the beach, with family, and working with her non-profit providing support to Haiti.

## Education

- Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (J.D., 2021)

## Practices

- Miscellaneous Professional Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Real Estate E&O Liability
- Architectural, Engineering & Construction Defect Litigation
- Insurance Agents & Brokers Liability

- Nova Southeastern University (MBA, 2014)
- Florida Atlantic University (B.A., 2013)

## Admissions

- Florida, 2021
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2025
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2025

## Languages

- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)
- Haitian Creole (fluent)

## Honors & Awards

- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2024-2025)
- Palm Beach Illustrated, Top Lawyer (2024)

## Associations & Memberships

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

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## Thought Leadership

April 1, 2026

**Appellate Court Applies Business Judgment Rule and Reverses Summary Judgment in Condominium Assessment Dispute**

March 1, 2026

**Court Affirms Strong Liability Protections for Rideshare Companies Under Florida Law**

January 12, 2026

**Florida 5th DCA Decides Proof of Available Insurance in the Marketplace Is Not Required for All Claims Against an Agent or Broker**

January 1, 2026

**Federal Court Dismisses Derivative Action Against HOA President for Lack of Jurisdiction**