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Valerie is an associate in the Casualty Department where she handles matters in third-party insurance defense representing defendants in matters concerning negligence, premises liability, and personal injury. She also devotes a portion of her practice to maritime litigation.

Valerie received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies from McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. She received her *juris doctor* from University of Florida Levin College of Law, graduating *cum laude*. At UF, Valerie was a Levin Ambassador, a member of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Social Chair of the Latino Law Student Association, and a Research Assistant for Maryam Jamshidi. When she was not in the classroom, she enjoyed leading the UF Law Softball team to the UVA Invitational Tournament as President. Valerie received the Cali Book Award for Trial Practice in the Fall of 2021.

Outside of the legal field, Valerie enjoys cheering on the Gators every Saturday during College Football Season. She also enjoys seeing musicals at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts.

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2022)
- McDaniel College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2018)

Admissions

- Florida, 2022

Honors & Awards

Practices

- General Liability
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Maritime Litigation

- Cali Book Award, Trial Practice

Associations & Memberships

- Tampa Bay Mariners Club
- Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers, Leadership Academy

Pro-Bono Activities

- Jacksonville Area Legal Aid- Immigration

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *It's Legislative Changes and Related Impacts on Boat Rental Companies*, Tampa Bay Mariners Club, February 6, 2023

Results

Summary Judgment Obtained in an Auto Negligence Case Involving a Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing App

We secured summary judgment in an auto negligence case, in which we represented a car sharing app and an individual vehicle owner who rented our his car using the app. The plaintiff alleged that, under Florida's Dangerous Instrumentality Doctrine, the app and the owner were vicariously liable for the renter of the vehicle, who allegedly struck the plaintiff's vehicle. We successfully argued that the Graves Amendment preempts the application of the dangerous instrumentality doctrine and exempts our clients from vicarious liability for the alleged negligence of the driver.