

# Jennifer G. Cooper

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Jennifer Cooper primarily concentrates her practice on tort defense and business litigation and assists clients with ongoing legal issues and litigation matters, including coordination of nationwide litigation and development of in-house legal project management programs.

Ms. Cooper is the former chair of the Firm's Complex Torts Group. Her practice focuses on assisting companies and governments with ongoing legal issues and litigation matters, including coordination of nationwide litigation. Ms. Cooper also assists clients with the development of in-house legal project management programs. She serves as national coordinating counsel for all litigation matters for an Atlanta-based global company and as national coordinating counsel for all U.S. warranty litigation for a German auto manufacturer

Ms. Cooper has a strong commitment to the advancement and support of women in the legal profession. She is the 2018 recipient of the Baker Donelson Work-Life Warrior Award in recognition of her commitment to promoting a healthy work-life balance and for advocating on behalf of work-life balance issues for others.



#### **Case Studies**

• Baker Donelson Helps Client Achieve Operational Excellence - Innovation

# Representative Matters

- National coordinating counsel for the world's largest claims servicing company.
- National coordinating counsel for U.S. warranty litigation for a German auto manufacturer.
- Obtained summary judgment on claims of breach of contract and negligence against a claims servicing company. Affirmed on appeal to the Ohio Second District Court of Appeals.
- In a case of first impression, successfully argued to the Iowa Supreme Court that there is no cause of action for bad faith against a third-party administrator of workers' compensation claims.
- Obtained summary judgment in a case where an insurance policyholder sought to impose a duty to warn upon a catastrophe claims administrator for a death arising out of Superstorm Sandy.
- Defense verdict at jury trial on claims of negligence, trespass, strict liability for ultra hazardous activity and nuisance, arising out of claims by several adjacent property owners that effluent ponds at waste water treatment facility in Florida were causing subsurface migration of water and contaminants to their property.
- Defense verdict in a federal jury trial on behalf of a development company for claims of alleged Clean Water Act violations, trespass, and nuisance, arising out of the development of a residential subdivision.
- Developed a legal project management program for a corporate legal department, including defensible eDiscovery practices and a budget management program.

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#### **Professional Honors & Activities**

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Product Liability Litigation Defendants (2020 2024) and Personal Injury Litigation Defendants (2021 2024)
- Named to the *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America (2022 2024)
- Member International Association of Defense Counsel

- Member Atlanta Bar Association
- Member Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Member State Bar of Georgia
- Member The Florida Bar
- Member Tennessee Bar Association
- Baker Donelson Work-Life Warrior Award (2018)
- Founding Member Association of Corporate Counsel Georgia Chapter Women's Initiative Steering Committee (2014 – 2015)

## Publications

- Co-author "Assignability of Commercial Contracts (GA)," by Jennifer G. Cooper and Kseniya
  "Nicole" Kuprovska, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (2023)
- "Release Agreement (TN)," Thomson Reuters Practical Law (February 2023)
- "Indemnification Clauses in Commercial Contracts (TN)," Thomson Reuters Practical Law (2023)
- Co-author "General Contract Clauses: Litigation Costs and Expenses (FL)," Thomson Reuters Practical Law (August 2022)
- Co-author "Confidentiality Agreement: General (Short Form, Mutual) (FL)," Thomson Reuters Practical Law (May 2022)
- Co-author "Assignability of Commercial Contracts (FL)," Thomson Reuters Practical Law (February 2022)
- "What Makes for a Successful Mentor/Mentee Relationship?," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2021)
- "Baker's Dozen: Honoring Moms Everywhere," Women's Initiative Newsletter (May 2021)
- Co-author "Assignability of Commercial Contracts (GA)," by Jennifer G. Cooper and Sarah Carrier, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (2019)
- Co-author "Indemnification Clauses in Commercial Contracts (GA)," by Jennifer G. Cooper and Matthew J. Leonard, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (2019)
- "Tips for Leading Successful Teams," Women's Initiative Newsletter (August 2019)
- Co-author "Confidentiality Agreement: General (Short Form, Mutual) (FL)," by Jennifer G. Cooper, David Levin, and Tanisha Pinkins, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (June 2019)
- Co-author "Assignability of Commercial Contracts (FL)," by Jennifer G. Cooper, David Levin, and Spencer Leach, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (March 2018)
- Co-author "General Contract Clauses: Litigation Costs and Expenses (FL)," by Jennifer G. Cooper and David Levin, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (February 2018)
- Co-author "Indemnification Clauses in Commercial Contracts (TN)," by Jennifer G. Cooper and Nick Margello, Thomson Reuters Practical Law (2017)

# Speaking Engagements

- Speaker "Bringing Order to the Chaos: Managing 'Unmanageable' Litigation with Litigation Project Management," Baylor Law Executive L.L.M. Litigation Management (September 2021)
- Co-presenter "How Your Law Firm Can Continue to Prosper in Challenging Times," Lex Machina webcast (April 17, 2020)
- Co-presenter "In-House Counsel Financial Boot Camp" (October 2019)
- Panelist "Taking Control of Your Legal Department Practical Uses of Legal Project Management,"
  International Association of Defense Counsel Corporate Counsel College, Chicago, Illinois (2017)
- Panelist "View from the Bench and Bar: Best Practices for Inside and Outside Counsel Partnering to Achieve Effective Case and Trial Management," ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (2015)

- Panelist "Changing the Conversation: Effective Partnering of In-House and Outside Counsel Using Legal Project Management," Practising Law Institute, Project Management for Lawyers 2015, New York, New York (January 2015)
- Moderator "In-House Success!," General Counsel's Roundtable, ACC Georgia (May 2014)

#### Webinars

• Managing "Unmanageable" Litigation (June 2020)

#### **Education**

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1987
- University of South Florida, B.A., Phi Kappa Phi 1984

#### Admissions

- Florida, 1988
- Georgia, 1994
- Tennessee, 2011
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle, Eastern and Western Districts of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit