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## Practice Focus

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- Appeals
- Business litigation
- Construction litigation

Mary is chair of McDonald Hopkins' Appellate Practice Group and handles numerous appeals in both state and federal court. These include, for example, appeals involving violation of noncompetes, punitive damages, trusts and probate, shareholder disputes, attorneys' fees, arbitration orders, ERISA matters, breach of contract, fraud, and procedural issues.

A portion of her practice is also devoted to representing homeowners, cooperative, and condominium associations. Mary also practices in the area of business litigation encompassing a broad array of topics. Mary also has expertise in construction-related matters, including construction lien actions. Included in her experience are over two years representing the entity responsible for the completion of the Diplomat Hotel and Convention Center located in Hollywood, Florida. Prior to practicing law, Mary owned and operated her own court reporting business in West Palm Beach for 10 years.

Mary has served on one of the Florida Bar Grievance Committees and is committed to advancing ethics and professionalism in the practice of law.

Mary earned a J.D., with honors, from the University of Florida College of Law in 1993. She received a B.A., with honors, from Florida Atlantic University in 1990.

## Admissions - Court

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- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington D.C.
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

### **Admissions - State**

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- Florida

### **Education**

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- University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Florida Atlantic University

### **Blog Posts**

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- Positive anti doping test, what now?
- How long is too long to bring a construction defect claim?
- Claiming punitive damages in fraud cases

### **News**

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- "Last Call for Settlement — Appellate Mediation"