



Prominent Trial Attorney Ilisa Hoffman Joins Abadin Cook

Ilisa W. Hoffman, formerly with Stephens Lynn Klein LaCava Hoffman & Puya, P.A. has joined Abadin Cook as a partner, announced Kimberly Cook, one of the firm's founding partners.

As a trial attorney for close to 25 years, Hoffman is well-known throughout South Florida for her successful defense of medical and dental negligence cases, as well as nursing home, hospital malpractice and general liability cases. She joins veteran medical malpractice defense litigator Kim Cook in strengthening Abadin Cook's trial litigation department.

"We are so pleased that someone of Ilisa's caliber and experience has joined the firm," Cook said. "She has the experience required to successfully defend these complex cases." Cook added, "Ilisa has top-notch trial skills as well as the widespread respect of her clients, peers, and judges, making her an ideal choice for Abadin Cook."



A native of Miami, Hoffman graduated from Ohio State University and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. She was elected to the prestigious Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has held memberships in the Florida Bar Association, Florida Defense Bar Association, Dade County Defense Lawyers Association, Dade County Bar Association and Florida Association of Women Lawyers. Annually recognized by her peers as a Florida Super Lawyer, Hoffman was chosen in 2008 as one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers" in the State of Florida.

Hoffman has lectured in areas of medical negligence, loss prevention and risk management. She is a past member of the 11th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee of the Florida Bar. She is an AV-rated litigation lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available.

Hoffman and Cook are among the few female trial attorneys in Miami who have pursued full-time careers as litigators while raising their children. "Being a trial attorney and a mom are two full-time jobs that are extremely difficult to balance," Hoffman said, "but I've been able to manage partly due to being extremely organized and partly due to the fact that I love the practice of law and being a trial lawyer. It was hard, but I never missed a school event or a basketball game. When I am in trial, I give 100 percent – but I still found a way not to miss what was important in my children's lives. Now that my children are grown and in college, I can devote even more than 100% to my clients' defense.

"There are very few female lawyers in Miami that pursue trial work while raising families. I feel blessed to be able to work with Kim, another one of the few woman trial lawyers who is also a full time mom," she added.

Now that they've teamed up under "one roof," Cook and Hoffman look forward to trying cases together. "Our clients now will have two highly competent, experienced trial lawyers working together on their behalf," Hoffman said.

Carlos A. Fabano, formerly an associate at Stephens, Lynn, LaCava, Hoffman and Puya, P.A. has also joined Abadin Cook as an associate in the trial litigation department.

A member of the Dade County Bar Association and Cuban-American Bar Association, Fabano previously served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Fredericka G. Smith, Miami-Dade County Circuit Court. Although he had once considered a career in medicine, Fabano still maintains a strong interest in medicine. "Most physicians provide optimal care to their patients," he said. "Lawsuits really take an emotional toll on the physician. It feels great to successfully defend a physician and contribute to the practice of medicine in this way."

