

Elisabeth M. Espinosa

EXPERIENCE

COLE, SCOTT & KISSANE, P.A.

Partner, Civil Litigation

Civil defense litigation focusing on premises liability including negligent security, wrongful death, slip and falls, and drownings. Conducted jury trials, bench trials, and substantive motion hearings. Conducted mediation presentations in both English and Spanish.

Miami, Florida

January 2014 – Present

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Assistant State Attorney

Conducted 72 jury trials and 66 bench trials. Felony division Lead Trial Attorney for one of nine felony divisions since March 2012. Managed a voluminous case load including controlled substance offenses, violent crimes, and firearm offenses. Extensive experience with DNA, fingerprint, firearm, and drug analysis evidence and expert testimony.

Tampa, Florida

August 2007 – May 2013

CHRISTIAN & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Associate Attorney

Focusing on federal criminal defense and immigration law, drafted Fourth Amendment motions, drafted memoranda of law, and conducted client interviews.

Tampa, Florida

March 2007 – July 2007

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, 6th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Certified Legal Intern, Stetson Prosecution Clinic

Conducted Jury Trial, Motion to Suppress hearing, managed court dockets, and evaluated case evidence for purposes of making negotiated sentence recommendations.

Clearwater, Florida

January 2006 – April 2006

BANCO SANTANDER INTERNATIONAL

Legal Department Assistant

Researched law applicable to banking regulations and drafted memoranda of law.

Miami, Florida

February 2003 – December 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

May 2007 – Present

November 2013 – Present

June 2007 – September 2012

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law

Juris Doctor

Gulfport, Florida

May 2006

University of Florida

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature, Cum Laude

Gainesville, Florida

May 2002

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish