



Ana Morel Saruski

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Ana Morel Saruski was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Florida International University in 1988, where she was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She subsequently earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1991. Ms. Saruski has spent her entire legal career defending insureds, insurance companies, medical professionals and institutions in all types of civil proceedings. In addition, Ms. Saruski is also a Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator since 2002. Prior to joining Mintzer Sarowitz Ledva and Meyers as an attorney in 2013, she worked for a statewide defense firm in a similar capacity, and a local boutique defense firm exclusively defending health care providers in medical negligence cases.

As a practicing attorney, Ms. Saruski has defended through trial multiple healthcare providers in medical malpractice and related claims before various state courts, boards, and agencies. Ms. Saruski has participated in many civil jury trials throughout the state of Florida. As a Supreme Court Certified Circuit/County Civil Mediator, Ms. Saruski has mediated in excess of 250 disputes in all areas of civil law.

Since joining the firm in 2013 Ms. Saruski has been involved in representing private companies and individuals in automobile accident, premises liability, products liability, professional liability, and social services claims. Her focus is on high-exposure cases, many of which have complicated medical issues. Ms. Saruski was recently part of the defense team in a recent trial on behalf of a large national retail chain where Plaintiff claimed to have slipped and fallen in one of their stores, and underwent three knee surgeries. At trial, her doctor claimed that she would require knee replacements to both knees in the future. During closing arguments, Plaintiff's counsel requested a jury verdict in the amount of \$3.2 million. Ms. Saruski and her trial partner obtained a defense verdict on behalf of the retailer.

In addition to practicing law and mediating, Ms. Saruski is actively involved in the community. Being the mother of two special needs young adults, Ms. Saruski enjoys being an advocate for individuals with disabilities who cannot speak for

themselves. In addition, Ms. Saruski serves as a parent volunteer to the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, helping with translation services for Spanish speaking families who need to access the Foundation's services.

Practice Areas

- Medical Malpractice
- Premises Liability
- Restaurant, Retail & Hospitality

Education

- Florida International University, B.S. Communications
- University of Miami School of Law, *Juris Doctorate*

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Courts of the Middle District and Southern District of Florida

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Dade County Bar Association
- Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
- Voluntary Board Member, Victory Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
- Lifetime Member, CHARGE Syndrome Foundation