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BIOGRAPHY

A Georgia native, Jo Meeks attended the University of Georgia, earning a B.B.A. degree in accounting (summa cum laude) in 1976 and a Juris Doctor degree from the School of Law (cum laude) in 1979.

Jo practices in areas of professional liability defense to the financial services industry, director and officer liability, securities, commercial, and business litigation. She represents parties in civil disputes in state and federal courts, primarily in Georgia, and before FINRA arbitration and other ADR panels. Jo handles cases involving broker-dealer, broker/registered representative and registered investment advisor liability, insurance disputes, restrictive covenants, contract disputes, and insurance agent and insurance agency liability. She also represents banks, accountants and ERISA professionals in disputes alleging negligence and fraud.

Jo is a frequent speaker at seminars sponsored by various organizations on topics of financial services and business litigation and trial practice. Jo has served as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Dispute Resolution and the American Arbitration Association. She is past Chair of the Litigation Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and served a three-year term on the State Bar of Georgia Investigative Panel. In addition to local state courts, she is admitted to appear before all federal courts in Georgia, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Commercial Litigation
Litigation and Appeals
Financial Services Professional Liability Defense
Securities Litigation
Directors and Officers Liability
Litigation
Insurance
Arbitration
Banking and Financial Services Litigation

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Georgia
Atlanta Bar Association
Atlanta Bar Foundation, Board of Directors
Lawyers Club of Atlanta
Bleckley Inn of Court (Master)
Certified Mediator and Registered Neutral
Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution (Civil Mediation)

AWARDS + RECOGNITIONS

Georgia Super Lawyers, 2010 - 2019
Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2011, 2017

PRESENTATIONS + PUBLICATIONS

Georgia Supreme Court Decides Applicability of Business Judgment Rule to Bank Director and Officer Decision Making

"Stockbroker and Brokerage Firm Liability in Georgia", NBI (2001)

"When is a Stockbroker an ERISA Fiduciary?", Practising Law Institute (2002)

Commercial Arbitration in Georgia, Georgia Law Review, Vol. 13 (1979)

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia 1979

J.D., Doctor of Jurisprudence

Honors: *cum laude*

Honors: Order of the Barristers

Honors: Member, Moot Court Executive Board, 1978-1979

Law Review: University of Georgia Law Review, Staff Member, 1977-1978

Law Review: University of Georgia Law Review, Managing Editor, 1978-1979

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1976

B.B.A., Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

Honors: *summa cum laude*

Honors: Blue Key

Honors: Beta Gamma Sigma

Honors: Phi Kappa Phi

Honors: Pi Delta Phi

Honors: Mortar Board Member

ADMITTED

Georgia, 1979

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia, 1979

U.S. District Court Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court Southern District of Georgia

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

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