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With more than 30 years of civil and criminal trial, government and constitutional law, nonprofit law, and corporate counsel experience, Patricia Dodson defends clients in civil and commercial litigation matters, personal injury matters, and employment discrimination matters. Additionally, she assists clients with breach of contract matters, professional regulation and credentialing, and medical malpractice. She has tried more than 70 jury trials to verdict and numerous bench trials throughout her career.

Prior to joining Lippes Mathias LLP, Ms. Dodson spent seven years with K9s for Warriors as the Chief of Staff & General Counsel, where she also led the policy and government affairs team. Ms. Dodson is a former Assistant State Attorney and Managing Director of the State Attorney's Office in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit. She has practiced in all courts in the State of Florida since 1993, has been elected to leadership positions in various associations, and has led hundreds of state employees during her tenure.

EDUCATION

- Nova Southeastern University, J.D., 1992
- University of North Florida, B.A., 1989

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Member
- The Florida Bar
 - Trial, Labor & Employment, Criminal Law Sections
 - Code and Rules of Evidence Committee, Chair
 - Grievance Committee, Chair
- Jacksonville Bar Association
 - Special Committee on Women in the Profession, Chair
 - Business, Corporate and In-House Counsel Committee
 - Professionalism Committee, Chair
- The American Inns of Court Foundation
 - Chester Bedell Inn, Master of the Bench

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

- Breach of Contract
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Trust & Probate

Employment

Not-For-Profit

Government & Corporate

Investigations

- Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association, Past President

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent Rating®, Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Trend Legal Elite, Notable Women Leaders in Law, 2024
- Jacksonville Business Journal, Women of Influence, 2020
- Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association, Lawyer of the Year, 2011
- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2020

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Public Trust for Conservation, Board/Secretary
- Jacksonville Women's Network, Legal Section

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida