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Laura Schinella is an associate in our Central Florida Office. Ms. Schinella focuses her practice on representing clients in civil and commercial litigation claims involving automobile and first party insurance, premises liability, coverage issues, government liability, and other tort claims. Prior to joining MSZL&M, Ms. Schinella primary focused her practice on representing one of the nation's largest automobile insurance carriers and its insureds, a local public transit authority, a regional freight-carrier and its insureds, and a multitude of local government agencies. Ms. Schinella brings an unparalleled, high-intensity work ethic that is matched only by her duty to protect her client's interests while respecting the contractual obligations between insurance carriers and their insureds. Ms. Schinella understands the importance of keeping all parties fully informed and advised during the pendency of the case.

Ms. Schinella joined MSZL&M with extensive courtroom and trial experience as a criminal defense attorney and, later, an Assistant State Attorney for a combined term of five years. Ms. Schinella's prior criminal law litigation experience provided her with a unique opportunity to analyze complex legal issues, develop a myriad of factual and legal theories to support high-stakes arguments, and resolve cases through negotiations, motions, or jury trials.

When Ms. Schinella is not dedicating her time to her clients at MSZL&M, she enjoys going on adventures with her husband and children, reading, kayaking, and gardening.

Professional Affiliations

- Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar Association
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers - Hillsborough Chapter

Practice Areas

- Automobile and First Party Litigation
- Civil Trial Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Transportation
- Insurance, Coverage, Bad Faith & Reinsurance
- Insurance Professionals, Brokers and Agencies
- Law Enforcement, Public Entity & Government Liability
- Medical Malpractice, Physicians, Surgeons, Allied Health Litigation and Health Care
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Subrogation
- Toxic Torts, Mass Tort Products and Environmental Law

Education

Stetson University College of Law, Juris Doctor

- William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award

University of South Florida, B.A. Criminology

Bar Admissions

State of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Commonwealth of Virginia

Community Involvement

Lawyers for Literacy Program

Great American Teach-In for the Pinellas County Schools