



# Luciana Aquino

## Member

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Lucy focuses her practice on commercial litigation and coverage matters and has experience representing corporate clients and national insurers engaged in the hospitality, construction, transportation, and retail industries.

She has experience managing all stages of complex litigation matters, including class actions, and has represented corporations, retailers, business operators, and insurance companies against various personal injury, property, and contract claims. Lucy also has experience representing clients in disputes arising from a wide array of construction projects, including commercial and residential building. In addition, she has assisted clients with contract review and performance to identify and prevent disputes.

Lucy also represents commercial general liability, professional liability, excess/umbrella liability, and property insurers in complex litigation throughout the country, including bad faith disputes. She counsels and represents insurers on a wide variety of coverage issues, including construction defect, builder's risk, product liability, additional insured status, and priority of coverage.

Prior to joining the firm, Lucy was an associate at two Georgia-based firms specializing in litigation. She also brings years of in-house experience at a national insurance company as both a claims adjuster and a compliance analyst.

Lucy earned her bachelor's degree in political science and business administration from the University of Central Florida. She earned her legal degree *cum laude* from Georgia State University College of Law. She is a fluent Brazilian Portuguese speaker.

## Experience

Secured dismissal, on a motion for reconsideration, of a group of insurers from a wrongful death lawsuit seeking more than \$15 million. The plaintiff joined the group to the lawsuit under the Arkansas direct action statute, and the court ultimately held that the entities at issue could not be liable because the plaintiff did not sufficiently allege a breach of duty under the recreational use statute in Arkansas, and the plaintiff was not permitted to bring a direct action against them under the direct action statute.

Convinced a Georgia state court to set aside a \$7.5 million default judgment against an insurance company client in connection with a lawsuit filed against its insureds (a truck driver and his employer). Retained shortly after the entry of default judgment, we demonstrated that neither the client nor the employer had been properly served and then leveraged the unapportioned and indivisible nature of the default judgment to have it set aside against the remaining defendant-driver.

Won a motion to dismiss all personal injury and wrongful death claims asserted by 53 individual plaintiffs in a case arising from alleged exposure to ethylene oxide while working at a facility owned by one of our clients' affiliated entities. The court dismissed the claims on the grounds that the clients were absentee landlords and/or immune from liability as members of the landlord's limited liability company.

Secured affirmance, after oral argument before the Georgia Court of Appeals, of summary judgment in

## Practice Areas

- Casualty & Specialty Lines Coverage
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Transportation & Logistics Litigation
- Strategic Risk & Complex Litigation

## Industry Sectors

- Insurance

## Education

- Georgia State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016
- University of Central Florida, B.A., 2009

## Bar Admissions

- Georgia

## Court Admissions

- Georgia Superior Court
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Georgia

## Affiliations

- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Southern Loss Association, Inc.

## Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch" 2024 - 2025
- Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Georgia 2022-2024

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our clients' favor in a case that presented an issue of first impression regarding the interpretation of a state statute governing disposition rights for next of kin. The case arose out of a wrongful cremation lawsuit filed against our clients, a funeral home and a crematorium.

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