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Marianne Curtis is a member of the Dispute Resolution Team based in Berger Singerman's Miami office. She focuses her practice on handling litigation involving employment matters, business disputes, and complex commercial litigation. Previously, Marianne served as a Special Assistant with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and was an Assistant State Attorney with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. During her time with the State Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office, Marianne honed her skills in state and federal court as she tried over 85 jury trials to verdict, litigated numerous evidentiary motions, and drafted multiple appellate briefs.

Marianne Curtis played point guard for the University of Miami women's basketball team. She recently teamed up with a fellow member of the University of Miami men's basketball team as one of the Board of Directors for his non-profit organization, DIBIA Dream.

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law
B.A., *cum laude*, University of Miami

Bar Admissions

Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

Practice Teams

Dispute Resolution

Practice Areas

Complex Commercial Litigation

Corporate

Director/Officer Litigation & Partnership Disputes

Administrative Hearings & Appeals

Healthcare

Internal & Corporate Investigations and Compliance

Labor & Employment

State and Local Government Law

White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended high level executive in the finance industry regarding violations of restrictive covenants in a preliminary injunction hearing—leading to the dismissal of the case by former employer.
- Represented co-founder of a nutritional supplement company valued at seven figures to retain ownership of the company in a shareholder dispute that resulted in a dismissal of the lawsuit.
- Defended management-level employee within the call-center industry from enforcement of restrictive covenants resulting in dismissal of the lawsuit.
- Investigated and pursued claims against Fortune 500 company in a commercial contract dispute resulting in a pre-lawsuit settlement.
- Represented nationwide information technology company in enforcing restrictive covenants by obtaining a temporary injunction, thereafter made final.
- Representation of maintenance and infrastructure company in enforcing restrictive covenants and pursuing claims of tortious interference by former business owners and employees.
- Defended physicians from enforcement of restrictive covenants through negotiation of pre-lawsuit settlement.
- Represented a Florida company in pursuing claims for theft of trade secrets and tortious interference following the resignations of top executives who left to work for a competing company.
- Defended employer in medical industry involved in wage dispute resulting in dismissal of case.
- Represented founder of one of the leading companies in the agricultural industry against a Fortune 500 company in federal court in the Southern District of New York that resulted in a denial of a preliminary injunction.
- Represented one of the leaders in the industrial diamond industry against former high level employee and new employer resulting in the enforcement of restrictive covenants and ensuring protection of trade secrets.

Awards & Honors

- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2019-2020
- Rising Star Award, Women of Distinction Judicial Gala (2019)
- Rising Star Award, Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers (2019)
- The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Woman Lawyer Achievement Award (2019)
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers of South Florida Award (2015)

Community Activities / Associations

- Governor, The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
- Board of Directors, Young Lawyers Section, Dade County Bar Association
- Board of Directors, DIBIA Dream
- Board of Directors, Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers

In the News

Twenty-Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 9, 2020

Berger Singerman Elevates Stephanie M. Chaissan and Marianne Curtis to Partner
January 2, 2020

Berger Singerman's Marianne Curtis Receives 2019 Outstanding Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award
June 24, 2019

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
May 30, 2019

Publications

Law360, "WNBA Union Contract Is A Good Start, Despite Limitations"
March 11, 2020

Events & Speaking Engagements

Marianne Curtis, Speaker, "Deposition 360 - Part III: Use of Depositions at Trial," for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS
August 27, 2020

Marianne Curtis, Speaker, "Deposition 360 - Part II: How to 'Win' The Deposition," for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS
July 30, 2020

Marianne Curtis, Speaker, "Deposition 360: Everything They Never Taught You About Preparing for and Taking a Deposition," for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS
June 25, 2020

Marianne Curtis, Speaker, 2020 FAWL Women's Trial Skills Workshop: Closing Arguments
February 7, 2020

Marianne Curtis, Co-Moderator, "Evidence CLE" for The Florida Bar

November 8, 2019

Marianne Curtis, Moderator, "The Second Annual Style and Substance: Developing & Maintaining a Mentor-Mentee Relationship" for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS

October 17, 2019

Marianne Curtis, Panelist, Collegiate Athlete Legal Society Panel Discussion, University of Miami Law

April 9, 2019

Marianne Curtis, Panelist, "Voir Dire," for 2019 Dade County Bar Association Annual Bench and Bar

April 5, 2019

Marianne Curtis, Moderator, "Deposition 360: Preparation, Strategy, and Execution of Taking an Effective Deposition," for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS

March 27, 2019

Marianne Curtis, Moderator, "Style and Substance: The Art of Building and Maintaining Your Brand Without Losing Sight of Being a Lawyer," for Miami-Dade FAWL and DCBA YLS

October 25, 2018

Marianne Curtis, Panelist, Miami-Dade Circuit's Committee on Professionalism and Civility, 6th Annual Professionalism & Civility Action Summit, Organizing Committee

September 27, 2018

Doing Business in Florida Blog

Certain Physician Non-Competes Are Now Void and Unenforceable in Florida

July 1, 2019

Employees or Contractors? A Potential Shift in Policy & Its Consequences

May 1, 2019