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Practice Areas:

- Appellate Practice
- 1st Amendment Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Land Use Litigation
- Professional Malpractice Defense

Education:

Davidson College, B.A.,
cum laude, 1995

University of Florida College of
Law, J.D. *with honors*, 1998

Ms. Russell is Board Certified by The Florida Bar as an Appellate Specialist and practices in both federal and state courts at the trial and appellate court level. For more than ten years, she has served as the firm's primary appellate lawyer, handling the majority of the firm's diverse range of appellate matters. Her areas of practice include commercial litigation, First Amendment law and land use litigation.

She began her career at Rogers Towers in September of 2000, where she has been a shareholder since 2006, focusing on the development of an appellate practice since 2003.

From 2007-2013, Ms. Russell served on the Appellate Court Rules Committee for The Florida Bar, where she chaired the Administrative Law Practice subcommittee from 2011-2013. She has also served as the chair of the Appellate Law Committee for the Jacksonville Bar (2015) and was a charter member of the First District Court of Appeal Inn of Court. She was a Barrister in the Inn from 2008-2011 and has been a Master since 2016. She has moderated various panel discussions with appellate lawyers and judges, including the 13th Annual Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar (2015, Jacksonville, Florida), the "Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal" Seminar (2015, Tallahassee, Florida), and "Sidebar Lunch with the First District Court of Appeal" (2015, Jacksonville, Florida).

Additional Professional Experience:

From 1998 to 2000, prior to joining Rogers Towers, Ms. Russell served as a law clerk to the Honorable William Terrell Hodges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Ms. Russell has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Lawyering Process at Florida Coastal School of Law.

Bar Association Memberships:

- The Florida Bar (Admitted 1998)
- The Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Section
- The Jacksonville Bar Association

Court Admissions:

- U.S. District Courts, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, Sixth Circuit, Ninth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit
- The Supreme Court of the United States

Legal Certifications:

- Board Certified in Appellate Practice by The Florida Bar

Awards & Distinctions:

- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- Florida Trend Magazine, "Legal Elite Up & Comer," 2005
- Florida Super Lawyers®, "Rising Star" (General Litigation), 2009; (Appellate), 2013
- Florida Super Lawyers® (Appellate Practice), 2015-2022, 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America® (Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation), 2013-2027
- Best Lawyers® Jacksonville Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year," 2020
- Order of the Coif
- Recipient, Book Awards in Trial Practice and Jurisprudence
- Presenter, JBA, Young Lawyer's Section, Mock Oral Argument Before the Fifth District Court of Appeal (February 2024)

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Professional and Community Involvement:

- The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Section
- Member, The Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee, July 2007-2013
 - Chair, Administrative Law Practice Subcommittee, July 2011-June 2013
- Member, Appellate Law Committee, The Jacksonville Bar Association
 - Vice-Chair, 2013-2014
 - Chair, 2014-2015
- Charter Member, First District Court of Appeal Inns of Court, (Barrister 2008-2011); (Master 2016-Present)
- Catholic Lawyer's Guild, Duval County
 - Secretary, 2009-2010
 - Vice President, 2010-2011
 - President, 2011-2012
- Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, 2007-2013
- Member, Local Rules Committee, United States District Court, Middle District of Florida (2010 – 2012).

Publications and Presentations:

- Author: "*Should Florida Be a 'Courthouse for the World'? The Florida Doctrine of Forum Non Conveniens and Foreign Plaintiffs.*" Florida Journal of International Law, 10 FJIL 353, Summer-Fall 1995.
- *13th Annual Raymond Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Seminar—The Jacksonville Bar Association*, Moderator, February, 11, 2015.
- Practicing Before the First District Court of Appeal, Moderator, April, 10, 2015.
- *Sidebar Lunch with the First District Court of Appeal—The Jacksonville Bar Association*, Moderator, July 28, 2015.