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## Biography

Kimberly Fernandes is a Partner at Kelley Kronenberg, focusing her practice on the handling of **workers' compensation** claims, **general liability** claims, and **first-party property** claims in both Florida and Georgia.

Across the expanse of her illustrious career, Kim has adeptly navigated the intricacies of more than a hundred and fifty appellate cases, spanning a wide array of legal practice areas. Kim has been called upon to provide expert testimony before the Florida Legislature, particularly in matters concerning seminal workers' compensation laws. Complementing her workers' compensation expertise, Kim has mastered the nuances surrounding the Medicare Secondary Payer Regulations, offering erudite guidance on alternative avenues for the preservation of jeopardized settlements pertaining to broad spectrum of injury claims. Furthermore, Kim's resolute commitment lies in defending insurance carriers within tort litigation, encompassing areas like premises liability, automobile, and trucking cases. Her expertise extends to safeguarding the concerns of property insurers in Florida, focusing on first-party coverage for a range of claims, including sinkholes, windstorms, fires, molds, theft, and losses linked to water damage.

Kim earned her Bachelor of Arts from Florida State University before going on to receive her Juris Doctor from Florida State College of Law.

Kim is certified by the state of Florida to provide Continuing Education courses for employers and insurance carriers and she regularly presents seminars regarding case law updates, indemnity offsets, MSA issues, and other general workers' compensation matters.

## Admissions

- Florida
- Georgia
- United States Court of Appeal, Eleventh Circuit

## Education

- Florida State College of Law, J.D., 1996
- Florida State University, B.A., 1993

## Industry Updates

- Quoted, “In Reversal, Florida Appellate Court Awards \$805K in Attorney Fees,” *Daily Business Review*, January 2024
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- Featured, “Kelley Kronenberg Continues Firm-Wide Philanthropic Initiative with Military Care Package Drive”, *Attorney at Law Magazine*, September 18, 2017
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- Featured, “Ex-Players Drop Case to Force NFL to Pay Workers’ Compensation for Concussions”, *Insurance Journal*, December 28, 2016
- Featured, “The Biggest Fla. Court Decisions of 2016: Midyear Report”, *Law360*, July 25, 2016
- Featured, “Florida Braces for Rate Hikes, Litigation Due to Workers’ Compensation Fee Ruling”, *Insurance Journal*, April 29, 2016
- Featured, “Lawyers Want High Court to Turn Back Clock in Workers’ Comp Appeal”, *Daily Business Review*, March 29, 2016
- Featured, “Kelley Kronenberg Launches Firm Wide Philanthropic Initiative with a School Supplies Drive”, *Tampa Bay Newswire*, October 2, 2015
- Featured, “Florida Businesses, Insurers to Fight Ruling Overturning Workers’ Comp System”, *Insurance Journal*, August 19, 2014

## Publications

- Author, “Court Junks Attorney Fee Schedule, Rejects Challenge to Workers’ Comp Law”, *Daily Business Review*, May 3, 2016
- Author, “1st DCA’s decision in workers’ compensation case creates controversy”, *Daily Business Review*, March 19, 2012
- Author, “High court decisions focus on electronic documents”, *Daily Business Review*, June 27, 2012
- Author, “Ruling empowers employers challenging advance payments”, *Daily Business Review*, November 13, 2013

## Representative Cases

- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Victory Upholding Win Before Florida’s Second District Court Appeal, March 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Victory in First-Party Property Appeal After Securing Lower Court Dismissal, January 2024
- Kelley Kronenberg Secures Victory for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation in Recent Appeal, October 2023
- Kelley Kronenberg Defeats Plaintiff’s Appeal in Late-Reported Hurricane Irma Case, August 2023
- Kelley Kronenberg Prevails on Appeal Preserving Defendant’s Summary Judgment Win, April 2023
- KK’s 1st Party Property Appellate Team Secures Affirmation of Trial Court’s Dismissal of Assignment of Benefits Case with Prejudice, August 2022

## Awards

- *Florida Trend Legal Elite Notable*, “Women Leaders in Law,” 2023