



## Austin Miniard

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## Biography

Austin D. Miniard is a Partner at Kelley Kronenberg. His practice focuses primarily on **first-party property litigation**. Austin provides counsel to numerous insurers arising out of matters related to coverage disputes and bad-faith litigation. He has defended insurers throughout the State of Florida against windstorm, water, mold, fire, hail, and theft claims.

Before joining Kelley Kronenberg, Austin spent six years representing the interests of corporate clients throughout New York and Florida. His practice has spanned a broad spectrum of civil matters, including construction law, contracts and commercial transactions, employment and labor law, securities, mergers, acquisitions, and property law. For the last three years, Austin was employed by a multi-state law firm with a practice centered on defending corporate clients against claims of general negligence, premises liability, personal injury, discrimination, and professional malpractice. Prior thereto, Austin practiced law in New York City, first as in-house counsel for a real estate brokerage and then as an associate with a leading law firm, where he advised corporate clients regarding their company policies and procedures and defended their civil litigation actions. Austin's career in the private sector was preceded by his service to the Ninth Judicial Circuit for the State of Florida where he served as an Assistant Public Defender, amassing significant litigation and trial experience. During his time with the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Austin focused much of his work in Veteran's Court, providing counsel to both retired and active-duty members of the armed forces.

Austin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Studies from The University of Central Florida and his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law. While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Austin received awards for his contributions to his university, including the American Mock Trial Association All-Region Attorney Award. He continued to be recognized for his academic excellence throughout law school, receiving multiple merit-based scholarships from Stetson University College of Law. While at Stetson, he was a two-year member of the Stetson Law Trial Team, consistently the number-one ranked trial team in the United States. He is a recipient of the American Association of Justice Best Advocate Award and the Williams Blews Pro Bono Service Award. He is a 2014 Inductee to the National Order of Barristers, which recognizes the top Student Advocates in the United States.

## Admissions

- Florida
- New York

## Education

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 2014
- University of Central Florida, B.A., 2011

## Industry Updates

- Florida Bar Entertainment and Sports Law Section, Member
- Florida Bar Real Estate and Property Law Section, Member
- American Association of Notaries, Member

## Representative Cases

- [Kelley Kronenberg Secures Impressive Settlement in Hurricane Ian Property Damage Suit](#), May 2024
- [Kelley Kronenberg Motion for Summary Judgment Leads to Plaintiff's Dismissal of AOB Claim](#), October 2023
- [Kelley Kronenberg's Aggressive Defense Prompts Plaintiff to Dismiss Suit with Prejudice](#), May 2023

## Awards

- National Order of Barristers Inductee, 2014
- Williams Blews Pro Bono Service Award
- Trial Advocacy Teaching Assistant Award
- Stetson Univ. College of Law Merit-Based Scholarship, 2012 – 2013
- American Assoc. of Justice Tournament; Best Advocate, 2012
- All-Region Attorney Award; AMTA Championship, 2011