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Biography

Starr Linette Brookins is a Partner and Business Unit Leader at Kelley Kronenberg, focusing her practice on **general liability defense**. She is an award-winning trial attorney with over thirteen years of experience in courtrooms throughout Florida.

Before joining Kelley Kronenberg, Starr established herself as a formidable litigator across various aspects of civil and appellate practice. She served as a Senior Trial Attorney at a major insurance company, where she successfully managed high-volume litigation involving bodily injury and motorist claims. Her career spans roles as an Associate Legal Advisor handling ad valorem taxation matters, a Litigation Attorney focusing on property coverage and extra-contractual claims, and a Hearing Officer for Hillsborough County where she presides over cases and renders decisions. Her earlier experience includes positions as a Litigation and Appellate Attorney, where she achieved notable successes including a defense verdict, while representing a major insurance company, in federal court that was affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in a case where the plaintiff sought \$14.7 million.

Starr earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminology, *magna cum laude*, from The University of Tampa. She then obtained her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School as a Presidential Merit Scholar. During law school, she gained valuable experience through multiple prestigious clerkships, including positions with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Civil Rights.

Starr is deeply involved in the community, currently serving as President of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, Young Women of Promise Chair with the Athena Society, a Volunteer Judge with the Teen Court Program, and a member of the Scholarship Banquet Committee with the George Edgecomb Bar Association. She is the Past Vice President of the Guardian Ad Litem Foundation of Tampa Bay and the Past Chair of the Human Relations Board with Hillsborough County. She holds numerous leadership positions, including serving on the boards of The Regent, The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, and The University of Tampa Board of Counselors. She has been recognized with multiple accolades, including being named among The National Black Lawyers Top 100, receiving the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' Leader in the Law award, and being recognized by Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch.

Admissions

- Florida
- United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court, Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2011
- The University of Tampa, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2007

Awards

- The National Black Lawyers, Top 100, 2020, 2022 – 2023
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers', Leader in the Law, 2023
- Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch, 2020
- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, President's Award, 2023
- Tampa Bay G.I.R.L.S. Rock Honoree, Civic Award, 2019
- Tampa Bay Business Journal, 40 Under 40 Awards Nominee, 2019
- Pro Bono Teen Court Award, 2012 – 2013, 2015
- Judge Carol E. Draper Teen Court Service Award, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, 2014
- Exceptional Pro Bono Service Award, 2011-2014
- Department of Children & Families Children's Legal Services, Outstanding Attorney Award, 2013
- Epsilon Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, "Finer Womanhood" Award, 2013
- The Guardian of Justice Pro Bono Award, Community Legal Services, 2012