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Debra Potter Klauber is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm. As head of the [Appellate Practice](#), Debbie collaborates with HPS trial counsel on strategic issues, conducts extensive research and prepares complex motions throughout the litigation and in preparation for trial. She also handles all interlocutory and final appeals throughout the state. Further, she serves as the firm's in-house resource on the latest legal developments, providing ongoing updates on significant or noteworthy decisions in the state and federal courts.

Debbie is the author of the monthly column "[Case Law Update](#)," published by the Broward County Bar Association's [Barrister](#) magazine. Her column reports on notable case and trial trends throughout Florida. Visit <https://www.hpslegal.com/legal-updates/> to access an archive of Debbie's column content reformatted for the HPS website.

Due to the depth of her expertise, Debbie also provides in-house presentations to clients and in-house counsel on legal issues relating to expert witnesses, litigation strategies and the benefits of trial support.

Admissions

- Florida
- Florida Supreme Court
- Florida First District Court of Appeal
- Florida Second District Court of Appeal
- Florida Third District Court of Appeal
- Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal
- Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal
- United States Supreme Court

- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

Honors

- Listed, Legal Elite - Notable Women Leaders in Law, *Florida Trend* (2023)
- Listed, Florida *Super Lawyers* (2009-2024)
- Listed, *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Top Lawyers of 2022
 - Appellate Practice
- Listed, Florida *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars (2009)

Affiliations

- Education Director and Member, *Ms. Esquire*
- Chair, *Broward County Bar Association, Appellate Section*
- Member, Florida Lawyers Network, Fort Lauderdale Chapter
- *Member, Broward County Women Lawyers' Association, Treasurer*
- Sponsorship Chair, Broward County Women Lawyers' Association
- Volunteer/Mock Judge, University of Florida, Levin College of Law
- Past Member, The Florida Bar, Appellate Court Rules Committee
- Past Member, The Florida Bar, Civil Procedure Rules Committee
- Past Member, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Grievance Committees
- Former Board Member, Broward County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section

Community and Civic Organizations

- Leadership Broward, Class XX
- Women Leading Broward, Class V
- Women Leading Broward Facilitator, Class VI
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, South Florida Advisory Board
- Secretary/Treasurer, Team Swoop Youth Basketball Academy, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Women of Tomorrow

Education

- University of Florida Levin College of Law, JD, *cum laude* (1995)
- University of Florida, BS (1992)

News

- "Artificial Intelligence vs. The Counselor at Law," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast Short (February 2024)
- "Leveraging Artificial Intelligence with the Human Touch," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast Short (February 2024)
- "Artificial Intelligence: Misinformation and More in the Legal World," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast (December 2023)
- "Injured? Don't wait too long to talk to an attorney!," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast Short (November 2023)
- "Injured by Negligence? Tort Reform Can Hurt You!," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast Short (October 2023)
- "How Tort Reform Impacts You," Broward Bar Buzz Podcast (October 2023)
- "J.D. vs. AI: What are the Ethical Considerations?," *HPS Legal Alert* (May 2023)
- "2023 Florida Tort Reform - What Does It All Mean?," *HPS Legal Alert* (April 2023)
- "Florida Supreme Court Takes Baby Steps to Align Procedural Rule & Statute Governing Proposals for Settlement," *HPS Legal Alert* (July 2022)
- "Healthcare Has a Gender Bias: Women at Higher Risk of Becoming Victims of Medical Malpractice," *HPS Legal Alert* (January 2022)
 - This alert also appeared in the Broward County Women Lawyers' Association's *BCWLA News and Announcements* e-newsletter (March 2022)
- "Case Law Update," *Barrister* (ongoing column)
- "Post-Pandemic Jury Challenges," *HPS Legal Alert* (July 2021)
- "Should We Expect a Medical Malpractice Litigation Surge in 2021?," *HPS Legal Alert* (May 2021)
- "Florida Supreme Court Rejects Leading *Daubert* Evidence Standard," Daily Business Review (October 2018)

Events

- Proposed Orders in Civil Cases, BCBA Appellate Section, May 2024
- Depositions: Before & After, BCBA Trial Lawyers Section, November 2022
- Unique Claims in Florida Litigation, Presented to Johns Eastern, Spring 2021
- Expert Testimony: *Daubert Frye*, St. Petersburg Bar Association's Bench-Bar Conference, Fall 2019
- Do I Need An Appellate Lawyer Before the Appeal? Co-presented with Judge Dorian Damoorgian and Judge Jack Tuter, Broward County Bar Association, Appellate Section, Fall 2016
- Workers Compensation Strategies Every Personal Injury Lawyer Needs to Know, Broward County Bar Association Bench and Bar Convention, Fall 2013
- Ethics in Claims Management, Presented to Gallagher Bassett, Winter 2011
- Administrative and Civil Proceedings Affecting School Board Employees, Winter 2011
- Dual Representation of Hospitals and Physicians, Winter 2011