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## Trisha Widowfield

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Trisha Widowfield is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Haliczzer Pettis & Schwamm. Trish handles complex civil litigation matters, focusing her practice in the areas of medical malpractice and catastrophic personal injury. She has extensive experience across the State of Florida representing individuals, families, and corporations. In September 2021, Trish served as trial co-counsel, winning a \$6.46M verdict for a HPS client, [the largest wrongful death medical malpractice jury verdict ever reported in Volusia County, Florida](#) history.

Trish spent the first decade of her career defending hospitals and nurses in malpractice suits. Having this past experience has afforded her the unique perspective of understanding both sides of a medical malpractice case. In addition, prior to attending law school, Trish was a claims adjuster with USAA and Gallagher Bassett.

When Trish is not in the courtroom, she actively supports organizations that focus on the advancement of women in the legal community. She is currently the Vice President of [Ms. Esquire](#), an in-person and social media organization comprised of thousands of women lawyers across the country designed to bring women in the legal profession together to empower each other through support and providing opportunities. Through that group, as well as the Miami-Dade Florida Association of Women

Lawyers (FAWL) and the Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers (CFAWL), Trish is frequently invited to speak on panels and write articles on the subject of female legal professional empowerment.

### Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

### Honors

- Listed, Legal Elite - Notable Women Leaders in Law, *Florida Trend* (2023)
- Listed, Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend* (2020-2022)
- Listed, *Fort Lauderdale Illustrated*, Top Lawyers of 2022
  - Medical Malpractice Law
- Listed, Florida *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars
- Listed, *Boca Raton Observer*, Top Lawyer (2022)
- Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent®

## Affiliations

- Vice President, *Ms. Esquire*
- Communications Director, Florida Lawyers Network, Aventura Chapter
- Member, Miami Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Member, Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Member, Broward County Bar Association
- Member, Miami Dade County Bar Association
- Past Co-chair, Miami Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Leadership Committee

## Education

- University of Miami School of Law, JD, *cum laude* (2007)
- Kent State University, BS (1999)
  - Psychology/Sociology

## News

- *Trish Widowfield Gives Her Top 3 Recommendations for Young Lawyers*, Miami Lakes Bar Association & Ms. Esquire's Her Court, Her Rules: Celebrating Women's Impact in Law Event (April 2024)
- "Meet Trisha Widowfield," *CanvasRebel* (February 2024)
- "Healthcare Has a Gender Bias: Women at Higher Risk of Becoming Victims of Medical Malpractice," *HPS Legal Alert* (January 2022)
- *Medical Malpractice: Practicing with Professionalism & Kindness*, MTN Legalcast (December 2021)
- "Medical malpractice case against cardiologist and his practice results in \$6.46M payment for patient's family," *Cardiovascular Business* (October 2021)
- "Haliczer Pettis & Schwamm Partners Win Nearly \$6.5 Million in Medical Malpractice Suit," *Daily Business Review* (October 2021)
- "Jury awards \$6.46 million: Largest ever in Volusia County wrongful death case, lawyer says," *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* (October 2021)
- "Meet Trisha Widowfield, Attorney- Medical Malpractice," *Shoutout Miami* (February 2021)
- "Creating a Sisterhood in the Struggle," *Daily Business Review* (November 2019)
- "Member Spotlight," *Legal Eagle South Florida* (August 2019)
- "Life and Work with Trisha Widowfield," *VoyageMIA* (July 2019)

- ["Why Are Female Attorneys' Voices Going Unheard in the Courtroom?"](#) *Daily Business Review* (February 2018)

## Events

- [Her Court, Her Rules: Celebrating Women's Impact in Law](#), Miami Lakes Bar Association & Ms. Esquire, April 2024
- The Ms. Esquire Litigator Mediator Forum & CLE, August 2023
- [The Power of Creating Community with Ms. Esquire](#), The Bunker Insurance & Risk Management Podcast, June 2023
- [Pre Trial Considerations](#), 2022 BCBA Bench & Bar Convention, May 2022
- [PraDa Law Live](#), November 2020
- Perspectives from the Bar, Date County Bar Association Annual Bar & Bench Conference, March 2020
- [Ms. Esquire Speaker Series](#), March 2020
- Effective Networking for Women Lawyers, MDFAWL 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Summit, May 2019
- Tips for Young Lawyers in the Courtroom, MDFAWL 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Skills Workshop, February 2018