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Overview

Beth Cronin is a Shareholder and served for many years as a co-leader of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. Her practice focuses on litigation involving commercial real estate title and leasing, title insurance, and banking and other financial services. In addition, she has served as an Adjunct Professor at Stetson University College of Law, where she taught courses in contracts and in interviewing, counseling and negotiation skills.

Representative Matters

- Defended national bank in action brought by SEC receiver seeking more than \$180 million in damages based on investment fraud perpetrated by bank's customer. Prevailed on summary judgment on all claims, and successfully defended receiver's appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
- Represented national title insurance company in defense of multimillion claim for alleged loss of development rights due to public's right to use the dry-sand beach area of an Atlantic oceanfront commercial parcel. Prevailed on summary judgment on all claims, and awarded costs and fees incurred in the defense.
- Represented publicly-traded funding company in removing multimillion dollar deceptive trade practices class action to federal court, and in defeating motion to certify plaintiff class.

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2019-2025
- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2022-2024
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, Circuit Civil
- Certified Mediator, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2020-2024
- *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*, 2010-2011, 2014, 2018

Professional Involvement

- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- St. Petersburg Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida Grievance Committee for the Tampa Division, Member, 2017-2022
- The Florida Bar
 - Business Law Section, Member
 - Real Property, Probate & Trust Section, Member



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Practice Areas

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Financial Services
- Mediation and Arbitration

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law, 1995
 - *Stetson Law Review*, Managing Editor
 - Dan Bradley Memorial Scholarship
 - Augusta and Cecil Bailey Award
 - Who's Who Among American Law Students
- B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1987

Admissions

- Florida
- United States District Court, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

