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CAREER PROFILE

POSITION:
Partner

AREAS OF PRACTICE:
Commercial Litigation
Labor and Employment

ADMITTED:
Florida, 1982

EDUCATION:
Florida State University College of Law
Tallahassee, Florida, 1982
J.D., Doctor of Jurisprudence

Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida, 1979
B.S., Bachelor of Science

AFFILIATIONS:
The Florida Bar
President 2004-2005

American Bar Association
Member, House of Delegates, 1992-1994,
2003-2006, Co-chair, Litigation Section
Committee

National Conference of Bar Presidents
Member, Executive Council (2005-2008)

Tallahassee Bar Association
Member and Past President (First Woman
President)

Tallahassee Women Lawyers Association
Member and Past President

Leadership Florida
Class XXIV

Kelly Overstreet Johnson

Kelly Overstreet Johnson is a Partner in the Tallahassee office of Broad and Cassel. She is a member of the Firm's Commercial Litigation and Labor and Employment Practice Groups.

■ Ms. Johnson is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a certified circuit civil mediator. She has been designated a "Florida Legal Elite" for six years in *Florida Trend* magazine's survey of lawyers in business litigation and business law and for five consecutive years she was recognized in the top legal guide "The Best Lawyers in America" for Bet-the-Company Litigation and by *Law & Politics* as a "Florida Super Lawyer." Ms. Johnson was also included in the Top 50 Women "2007 Florida Super Lawyer" list.

■ In 2004-2005, Ms. Johnson served as President of The Florida Bar, then an organization of approximately 76,000 lawyers. She is only the third woman President.

■ Ms. Johnson represents clients in a broad range of litigation matters, both plaintiff and defense. She has handled matters involving Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, non-competition agreements, negligence, civil rights actions, sexual and age discrimination matters, products liability and asbestos defense, construction and real estate litigation, and other types of civil and commercial litigation.

■ Ms. Johnson has litigated large class actions throughout the state and settled a \$26.2 million dollar class action lawsuit against the State of Florida. Other class actions have involved Fair Labor Standards Act and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act cases.

■ Ms. Johnson has defended matters brought under the False Claims Act and Fraud actions involving Medicaid reimbursement, and represented a large developer in a multi-state dispute against a manufacturer for defective building materials.

■ Ms. Johnson served on the State Judicial Nominating Commissions for the Second Judicial Circuit (1990-94 and 2007-2011) and on the First District Court of Appeals (1994-98).

Ms. Johnson has had extensive involvement in bar-related activities throughout her career, and has frequently been recognized for her many accomplishments. She has received the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award; Broward County Hispanic Bar Associations' Gracias Award for Commitment to Diversity; Tallahassee Women Lawyers Outstanding Achievement Award; and Tallahassee Community College's Outstanding Women of Achievement Award.

