

## **Christa L. Collins**

***COMPLEX CLASS ACTION ATTORNEY – Harmon, Woods & Parker, P.A.***

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Partner Christa Collins litigates complex class actions throughout Florida and the nation. She focuses primarily on civil rights, fair lending, credit reporting, fair debt collection, employment discrimination, and consumer issues.

Christa has served as lead counsel or co-lead counsel in numerous class actions, and has litigated many cutting edge cases to successful resolution.

Christa and her husband have five children and one son-in-law: Alexandra, Jared, Gage, Jacob, Sam and Kenton.

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

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- United States Supreme Court
- All Florida State Courts
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Third District
- United States Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States Court for the District of Connecticut
- United States Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States Court for the Southern District of New York.
- United States Court for the District of Columbia
- United States Court for Nebraska
- United States Court for the Central District of California
- United States Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division

## EDUCATION

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- **Malone College**, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Psychology and Sociology, 1979
- **Stetson University College of Law**, J.D., with Honors, 1983, Associate Editor, Law Review

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

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***Mallards Cove v. State of Florida, Department of Transportation et al.*** (Florida Circuit Court). Co-lead counsel in constitutional challenge to a Florida eminent domain statutory provision.  
(Contested state-wide class certification granted December 4, 2012).

***Rodriguez v. Sallie Mae, Inc., et al.*** (U.S. District Court, Connecticut). Co-lead counsel in civil rights challenge to alleged discriminatory use of school-specific pricing practices. Final approval of class-wide settlement granted October 2011.

***DeHoyos v. Allstate Insurance Company***, 240 F.R.D. 269 (W.D. Tex. 2007); 345 F.3d 290 (5th Cir. 2003). Lead counsel in civil rights challenge to the discriminatory impact of credit scores on minority policyholders resulting in successful class action settlement.

***Melissa Dukes and Thomas J. Dolan v. Hewlett Packard Company***, Case Number CV-2002-270, (Circuit Court of Phillips County, Arkansas) Lead counsel in nationwide resolution of consumer class action alleging deceptive trade practices.

***Leola McNeil, et al. v. American General Life & Accident Insurance Company***, et al., Case No. 3-99-1157, (United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee). Co-counsel in class-wide settlement of race-based pricing claim.

***Karl Thompson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company***, 216 F.R.D. 55S (D.N.Y. 2003) Co-counsel in class-wide settlement of race-based pricing claim.

***Moore v. Liberty National Life Insurance Company***, 267 F. 3d 1209 (11th Cir. 2001). Co-counsel in class-wide resolution of race-based pricing claim following Eleventh Circuit rejection of insurer's argument that the McCarran Ferguson Act mandates preemption of a policyholder's federal civil rights claims under 42 U.S.C. sections 1981 and 1982.

***Glenda Carnegie, et. al. v. Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company***, (Case No. CV-99-S-3292-NE) (United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division). Co-counsel in class-wide resolution of race-based pricing claim.

***In re: Industrial Life Insurance Litigation***, MDL 1371, (*Rosebud Montgomery, et al. vs. Life Insurance Company of Georgia Industrial Life Insurance Litigation*, Case No.

1:99-CV-252 MMP, United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, Gainesville Division.

***James Williams, et al. v. United Insurance Company of America***, Case No. CV-99-S-3292-NE, (Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Bessemer Division. Co-counsel in class-wide resolution of race-based pricing claim.

***In re Monumental Life Insurance Company***, 345 F.3d 408 (5th Cir. 2004) Fifth Circuit reversed district court's denial of class certification in race-based pricing case, holding that monetary relief claims are viable in Rule 23(b)(2) class if claims flows directly from liability to the class as a whole and are capable of class-wide objective computation.

***Weidman v. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation***, 2:02-cv-07990-JCJ. Co-counsel in injunctive resolution of claim alleging Fair Credit Reporting Act violations.

## **PERSONAL DATA**

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Christa is past-chairperson of Church Council at First United Methodist St. Petersburg, served as Chairperson of the Preschool Board and also served on the Board of Trustees. She also played violin in the contemporary worship band for many years. Presently Christa cooks once a month for The Point, a faith-based recovery ministry that meets every Thursday night. Christa is also a board member of Justice for Our Neighbors, South Florida, a ministry of the Methodist Conference providing immigration legal services free of charge for unaccompanied minors, asylum claimants and migrant workers seeking permanent status.