

Shannon McLin Carlyle

Shannon McLin Carlyle is Board Certified by **The Florida Bar** in appellate practice and is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. She is an experienced appellate advocate with an extensive background in state and federal appellate representation. As a former law clerk to the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal, Ms. Carlyle developed a unique perspective as to what an appellate court is looking for in an appellate brief. Ms. Carlyle is admitted to practice in Florida state and federal courts, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Carlyle earned her Juris Doctorate with honors from **Pepperdine University School of Law** where she was Associate Editor of the Pepperdine Law Review. She also earned her B.A. in journalism with honors from the University of Central Florida.

Ms. Carlyle has lectured and written on issues important to appellate courts and practitioners. Recent writings include:

- Inside the Fifth District Court of Appeal
- Oops: Did we say His Interest in his pension? We meant Her interest in His Pension: The Typo that Changed the Law, *The Family Law Commentator* (Winter 2004)
- **Florida Litigation and Appeals: Appealing the Trial Court's Decision.**

Ms. Carlyle is a member of **The Florida Bar**, and since 1993 has been a Charter Member of the **Appellate Practice Section**, where she serves on the Executive Council, and as the section's delegate to the Council of Sections. She currently chairs the section's Outreach Committee. She is also active in the **Family Law Section** where she serves as co-chairman of the Section's Amicus Committee. Ms. Carlyle also serves on the Fifth District Court of Appeal's Mediation Task Force.

Ms. Carlyle also serves on the Appellate Court Rules Committee, and is a member of the American Bar Association's **Council of Appellate Lawyers**. Ms. Carlyle is also a member of the Academy of Florida Trial Attorneys, where she has served on the Amicus Curiae Committee, which works with the Academy in drafting and filing amicus briefs on the Academy's behalf.

In addition to her state and national bar activities, Ms. Carlyle is a member of the Lake County Bar Association and the Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

A life-long resident of Lake County, Ms. Carlyle has been active in the community. She has served as Vice President of Habitat for Humanity of Lake County, Inc., as well as on the organization's Board of Directors. She was also a member of Leadership Lake County and served as President of the Class of 2001. She has raised funds for the **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer** and will participate in its walk in New York City in October.