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Focus

- Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Litigation

Summer is of counsel in GrayRobinson's Orlando office. She focuses her practice in eminent domain, inverse condemnation, real estate litigation, and property rights. Summer has worked with hundreds of property owners on utility projects, such as natural gas pipelines and power lines (including high-voltage transmission and distribution lines) in both federal and state courts. Summer also works with property owners on all types of road projects and retention ponds. Recently, Summer provided invaluable assistance in representing a large shopping center being condemned at an interchange - one of the largest eminent domain valuations in the State of Florida's history.

Summer also serves as counsel for select condemning authorities. Representing both property owners and condemning authorities has allowed Summer to understand the prospective of both sides to better assist her clients.

Prior to joining GrayRobinson, Summer was a law clerk for the Honorable Richard L. Young, the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana. She also served as a law clerk at two firms in Florida.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, 2021-2025
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

Insights

- "Crossroads," Eminent Domain Institute 25th Annual Conference, November 8, 2021
- Successful Pre-suit Settlements, February 2020
- "Federal Courts, Eminent Domain, and Natural Gas Pipeline," presentation, November 2017
- Co-author, "Chapter 6: Procedural and Substantive Defenses and Defensive Pleadings," *Florida Eminent Domain Practice and Procedure Twelfth Edition*

Media

- "Crossroads Center Near Disney Reaches Historic $198 Million Eminent Domain Settlement with State," *Orlando Sentinel*, January 21, 2021

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
  - Young Lawyers Division
- LEAD Forward Woman's Leadership Group, 2019-2020
- Leadership Orlando, Class 108
- Ronald McDonald House of Central Florida, Key Initiative Committee
- Park Lake Presbyterian Child Care Center, Board Member
- St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Member

Credentials

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2013, *summa cum laude*
  - Graduated Top 3% of Class
  - Order of the Coif
  - Dean's List
  - Paul B. Anton Scholarship Recipient
  - Academic Excellence Award for Substantive Criminal Law
  - Writing Dean's Fellow for Academic Achievement Program
  - Inter-American Law Review, Symposium Editor
- B.A., Indiana University, political science, Spanish, history, 2010
  - Dean's list
  - Phi Mu Fraternity, President
  - Court Appointed Special Advocate

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida