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**EDUCATION**

- JD, *with honors*, Nova Southeastern University, 1985
- Florida State University (B.A., 1975; M.A., 1977)

**COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Florida Bar
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Florida Supreme Court
- United States District Court, Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida

**JANET T. MUNN** has over 24 years of experience in intellectual property and commercial litigation in the areas of class action defense, intellectual property, mass tort and products liability defense, media law, and in domestic and international arbitration. She has represented a variety of Fortune 500 clients as well as individuals in telecommunications, computer, media, chemical, biomedical, pharmaceutical and the insurance fields.

In the intellectual property area she has handled domestic and international intellectual property disputes and has tried and arbitrated claims involving trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and patents, claims of unfair competition, false advertising, non-competition and confidentiality agreements and the infringement of the rights of publicity.

In the area of class action and other complex commercial litigation she has defended class actions which sought certification of deceptive and unfair trade practices and marketing claims as well as claims for products liability, personal injury medical monitoring, securities violations and violations of the Fair and Accurate Transactions Act (FACTA).

In the area of media law, Ms. Munn has handled access matters on behalf of national broadcast and print media, representing the media in criminal, civil and juvenile courts; prosecuted Public Records Act cases, including cases seeking records of juveniles; defended media clients seeking to protect the editorial privilege and defended against newsgathering torts, libel and slander claims.

**PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Steel Hector & Davis, LLP for over 19 years during which she was a Partner and head of the Intellectual Property and Media Law Groups

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- Instructor, National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), National and Regional Sessions
- Instructor, International Trademark Association, Trying Trademark Cases
- Law Clerk to United States District Judge José A. Gonzalez, Jr., Southern District of Florida, 1985-87
- Staff Member, 1983-84 and Research Editor, 1984-85, Nova Law Review.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2009®, Intellectual Property Law
- *Florida Trend Magazine Legal Elite*®, Intellectual Property Litigation
- Chaired Intellectual Property Litigation Committee, Litigation Section of the American Bar Association
- Chaired Trial Advocacy Committee, International Trademark Association
- Chaired Subcommittee on international arbitration, International Trademark Association
- Past Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida which drafts and recommends changes to the Local Rules
- *Phi Kappa Phi*, Leo S. Goodwin Scholar
- "50 State Surveys on Media, Privacy and Related Torts, the Florida Section" of the Media Law Resource Center
- President, Lawyers for Children America, a pro bono organization representing abused and neglected children ([www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org](http://www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org))

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### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- International Trademark Association

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE - CLASS ACTION AND OTHER COMPLEX LITIGATION**

- Lead counsel in defense of putative environmental/mass tort class action for alleged property damage and personal injuries to over 6,500 putative class members
- Defense of FACTA class actions
- Defense of nation-wide class actions for alleged sales practice, billing and quality of service claims against telecommunications carriers
- Defense of products liability and unfair and deceptive trade practices class action against chemical company
- Defense of telecommunications company in federal and state RICO action and in subsequent international arbitration arising out of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations
- Defense of over 85 products liability cases for chemical manufacturer
- Defense of consumer class action against internet service provider
- Defense of chemical manufacturer in polybutylene class action
- Defense of municipal bond issuer in FINRA arbitration proceeding
- Defense of antitrust action arising out of alleged false advertising claims

### **REPRESENTATIVE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION AND COUNSELING**

- Lead counsel in trial for plaintiff insurance company in trademark infringement and dilution action
- Representation of bank in \$20 million dollar alleged theft of trade secrets involving business methods patents
- Defense of \$60 million dollar trade secret and false patent marking case
- Representation of the sons of Pulitzer Prize winning author in trademark and unauthorized use of name and likeness case
- Arbitration of claims for patent royalties for biomedical equipment
- Representation of pharmaceutical company in Hatch Waxman proceeding
- Defense of biomedical manufacturing company in arbitration proceeding concerning patent royalties
- Defense of patent action brought against media and internet companies relating to software
- Defense of threatened copyright infringement action relating to womens' clothing