

# Adina Pollan



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#### education

University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., cum laude)

Emory University (B.A.)

### admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida

#### **honors**

- Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL) – 2021-2022 Leaders in Law, Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association
- Florida Super Lawyers: Bankruptcy, 2021-2022; Rising Star, 2012-2018

Having represented some of them for decades, I'm proud of the trust I've built with my clients that make me their first call, no matter the legal issue they encounter. Individual and business clients alike appreciate my straightforward approach of breaking down complex problems into simple, incremental solutions. From jury trial experience to in-depth bankruptcy representation of clients from all sides of the filing, clients can rest comfortably because I've been there before.

With more than 17 years of experience as a trusted counselor, Adina Pollan's versatile practice spans every point along the corporate life cycle, from bankruptcy and commercial litigation to corporate formation, governance, and transactions. Her background spanning Big Law, boutique firms, and solo practice affords her a unique capacity to advocate for the interests of business and individual clients in a wide variety of contexts. While she has appeared in federal and state forums nationwide, the bulk of Adina's work is focused in Florida.

Adina's particular familiarity with the bankruptcy courts and processes (informed by her clerkship for The Hon. Jerry A. Funk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's Jacksonville Division) make her an invaluable asset to clients who find themselves in financial distress. With the experience gained from years of counseling

- Florida Trend: Bankruptcy, Legal Elite, 2020-2022; Up and Comer, Bankruptcy, 2016-2017
- Outstanding Member of the Year Award, Business Law Section of The Florida Bar, June 2021
- Member Recognition Award, Chester
   Bedell American Inn of Court, April 2019
- American Law Society, Member with Honors, 2016
- American Society of Legal Advocates, "Top 40 Under 40" Bankruptcy Lawyers in Florida, 2013-2015
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rating

# affiliations

#### **Professional**

- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2021
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Executive Council; Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, Legislative Vice Chair
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Board of Governors; Judicial Relations Committee
- Fourth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B"
- The Florida Supreme Court Committee on Standard Jury Instructions—Contract and Business Cases, Vice Chair
- The Florida Bar, Small Claims Rules Committee, Appointed Member
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, Student Loan Portal Committee, Appointed Member
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association

## Community

- Rethreaded's Circle of Sisters, Vice President
- Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens, Board of Directors
- Girls Inc.'s Rising Leader Society
- University of Florida Law Alumni Council

clients on both sides of the aisle, Adina represents the interests of creditors and debtors in all cases under the Bankruptcy Code, including Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13. Adina also excels at navigating the nuances at play in adversary proceedings, including preference and fraudulent transfer actions, and contested motions as well as the related contexts of negotiations, loan restructuring workouts, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and avoiding or pursuing collections.

As one of few attorneys with jury trial experience in the commercial litigation context, Adina has demonstrated success representing businesses and business owners alike, including high-net-worth individuals. Her representation has spanned the gamut of business disputes involving fraud, breach of contract, business ownership and business divorces, non-competes, franchising, intellectual property, and fiduciary duty matters. She has also litigated an array of real estate and leasing, landlord/tenant, landowner, and foreclosure matters, lien claims, and various employment issues.

Having owned and managed her own solo practice firm, Adina offers corporate clients a unique understanding of the business life cycle and the challenges faced by business owners of all sizes. She has counseled corporate clients through formation, ownership, and succession questions, operational, contractual, and compliance issues, and transactions of all sizes.

As a recognized leader in the legal community, Adina's voice is respected in a number of local and industry organizations. She is particularly proud to serve on the Executive Council of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section, as well as the Board of Governors of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

# **Presentations**

"Regulating Magical Internet Money – Fitting New Technology Into Existing Regulatory Boundaries," 2022 Consumer Finance Legal Conference, October 20, 2022

"Remote Virtual Jury Trial," Lunch & Learn presented by the Judicial Relations Committee of the Jacksonville Bar Association, November 10, 2020

# clerkships

After law school, Adina clerked for The Honorable Jerry A. Funk in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. "Criminal Traps in Civil Litigation," 2020 Bench & Bar Conference, Presented by the Judicial Relations Committee of the Jacksonville Bar Association, February 26, 2020

"Bankruptcy Law for State Litigators," 2019 Bench & Bar Conference, Presented by the Judicial Relations Committee of the Jacksonville Bar Association, May 17, 2019

## **Publications**

- "Bankruptcy bubble: Will it soon burst?" Jacksonville Daily Record, Bar Bulletin, September 3, 2020
- "Crawford v. LVNV Funding, LLC: The Interplay Between the Bankruptcy Code and the FDCPA," *The Florida Bar Journal*, Volume 89, No. 8, September/October 2015
- "Data Privacy: Safeguarding Information in an Interconnected Marketplace," Association of Corporate Counsel North Florida Chapter Newsletter, First Quarter 2014