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Darcy Tsikerdanos was born and raised in Central Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in History. While at the University of Florida, Darcy was heavily involved in volunteer work on and off campus, UF's Premed AMSA where she served as a Committee Director, and the Greek Community.

Following her graduation from the University of Florida, Darcy attended Stetson University College of Law where she obtained her *Juris Doctorate*. While at Stetson Law, she served as a campus ambassador, the treasurer of Stetson's Health Care Law Association, and as a research assistant and teaching assistant for Stetson's Legal Research and Writing Department. She also clerked with a private firm specializing in contract, real property, and business litigation, as well as corporate transactional law, where she gained invaluable transferable experience.

Since joining Vernis & Bowling, Darcy's practice primarily focuses on automobile liability, general liability defense, and premises liability claims.

Outside the practice of law, Darcy enjoys traveling both locally and internationally, spending time with her family and friends, and exploring local parks and dog-friendly beaches with her dog, Dixie.



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Geoffrey Marcus graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Behavior Biology and a minor in Anthropology. Surprisingly, a single elective course shifted Geoffrey's path from the medical field to the legal field. Thus, Geoffrey continued his education at the University of Miami School of Law, graduating *Cum Laude* in 2019.

Upon graduating from law school, Geoffrey and his wife (who he met in law school) relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina. Geoffrey initially began his legal career at a Plaintiff firm that specializes in employment law and litigation. Thereafter, Geoffrey worked at a civil defense firm in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he handled civil litigation matters, involving the following: third party litigation, including employment law, OSHA investigations and citations, premises liability, vehicle accident defense, trucking defense, wrongful death, construction defects, and the defense of government and municipalities; and insurance coverage/first party litigation.

Geoffrey has represented, among others, a trillion dollar e-commerce company, a multi-billion dollar food and beverage supply company, a multi-million dollar hospitality business, and a multi-million dollar real estate development firm, as well as local health care providers and restaurants. He is experienced at managing all stages of litigation - pre-litigation through appellate work.

Notably, Geoffrey recently prevailed on summary judgment, which was later affirmed by the Fourth Circuit, after oral argument, pertaining to the issue of employer drug testing policy for new and current employees and an employer's related obligations under the ADA and N.C.G.S. § 95-28.2 (lawful use of lawful products statute) when an employee tested positive for THC use. *Anderson v. Diamondback Inv. Grp., LLC*, 117 F. 4th 165 (4th Cir. 2024).

In his personal life, Geoffrey enjoys spending time with his wife, Natasha, and embracing being a "girl dad" to his daughter, Olivia.



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Jessica Berger is a dedicated litigation attorney based in Jacksonville, Florida, with a strong background in both federal and state court litigation. Jessica received her J.D. from Florida State University College of Law then earned her MBA at the University of Florida. Jessica was awarded the Distinguished *Pro Bono* Award at FSU Law and previously served in clinics and student groups advocating for human rights and trafficking survivors. She continues to support community legal outreach efforts in Jacksonville.

Her professional values are rooted in a commitment to justice, clear communication, and strategic legal advocacy. Her previous involvement in human rights work at Florida State University and in the Florida Senate has instilled a deep commitment to leveling the legal playing field to help those in need.

Jessica served as lead analyst on two bills that passed through the Florida Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, reflecting her legislative skill and legal insight.

Since joining Vernis & Bowling, she focuses her practice on general liability litigation, including the defense of personal injury, premises liability, and related tort claims.

Jessica is an avid traveler and baker who enjoys outdoor adventures, playing golf, cheering on her favorite college football and NHL teams, and spending time with her rescued Red Fox Labrador, Malibu Barkbie.

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Caroline was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. She received her bachelor's degree in criminology & law from the University of Florida. Upon graduating *summa cum laude*, Caroline pursued a *Juris Doctorate* at Florida State University College of Law and was honored with the distinguished *Pro Bono* Certificate for her extensive volunteer work in Tallahassee and the Tampa Bay area. During law school, Caroline served as Secretary on the executive board of LitiGATORS, a club for UF undergrads who currently attend FSU Law. There she assisted in oversight of the club, maintained records, and provided bookkeeping.

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During her law school career, Caroline held Student Associate positions in many different areas of law such as civil litigation, property law, family law, estate planning, business and corporate law, and intellectual property.

Upon being admitted to the Florida Bar, Caroline served as an Associate Attorney for a private firm in St. Petersburg, Florida, specializing in property and business litigation, as well as property and corporate transactional law.

At Vernis & Bowling, Caroline focuses her practice in the areas of Automobile Liability (PIP/PD/BI/UM), First- and Third-Party Property and Casualty Claims, Wrongful Death, and Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability. Caroline is a zealous advocate for her clients, which include various insurance carriers and self-insureds.

When she is not working, Caroline enjoys traveling, reading, exploring new cafes, and spending time with her family.

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James Parman was born and raised in Orange City, Florida. He graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with Minors in American Studies and Music. After college, James attended Stetson University College of Law, becoming a "Double Hatter" and earning his *Juris Doctorate*.

James began working with Vernis and Bowling as a law clerk while still attending Stetson Law, and then became an associate attorney upon his admittance to the Florida Bar. He primarily works on personal injury and automobile accident cases.

When not practicing, James enjoys reading, music, games, and spending time with family and friends.

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