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Jennifer Odom is the assistant leader of the firm's Litigation services group, which includes teams of attorneys and professionals specializing in Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization, Business Litigation & Arbitration, Intellectual Property, Securities and Torts. Ms. Odom is a civil litigation attorney with a focus on fiduciary litigation, trust and estate litigation and complex commercial and corporate litigation.

Ms. Odom represents and advises fiduciaries, including executors, administrators, trustees, officers and directors, regarding fulfilling their fiduciary duties while serving in a fiduciary capacity. She represents individual and corporate fiduciaries in defense of claims for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of trust, and in actions for removal.

Ms. Odom also litigates matters involving business and commercial issues, including defense of class action and derivative proceedings, corporate control disputes, a broad spectrum of securities issues ('33 Act and '34 Act, SEC investigations and proceedings), D&O liability, valuation and other financial matters. Ms. Odom represents issuers, officers, directors, accountants and other professionals in securities disputes.

Ms. Odom represents companies and their officers and

Practices

- Litigation
- Securities & Regulatory Litigation
- Special Matters & Investigations

Education

- J.D., With Honors, University of Florida College of Law, 1996; Moot Court; Corporations Book Award; Research & Writing and Appellate Advocacy Teaching Assistant
- B.S., With Honors, University of Florida, 1993

Bar & Court Admissions

- Georgia, 1997
- Georgia State Courts, 1997
- Georgia Superior Courts, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 1997
- Georgia Court of Appeals, 1998
- Supreme Court of Georgia, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1999

directors, as well as auditing firms and their auditors in SEC investigations and related litigation. For example, she represented auditors in connection with their audit of a publicly-traded company during a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into accounting and disclosure practices, as well as the tag-along class action and individual-plaintiff securities fraud suits.

Ms. Odom is a member of the firm's Special Matters & Investigations team and assists companies in conducting internal investigations for audit committees and other special committees of corporations, involving corporate governance, officer and director wrongdoing and accounting matters.

Ms. Odom is a member of Powell Goldstein's E-discovery team and assists clients in dealing with electronic discovery issues, document retention policies and the implementation of the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure concerning electronic discovery.

Memberships

- Anti-Prejudice Consortium, Board Member, 2004-2006
- Board of Directors Network, Member
- Better Business Bureau, Certified Arbitrator
- Georgia Bar Association: General Practice and Trials, Fiduciary Law, Corporate Counsel and Business Law Sections
- Junior League of Atlanta, Member, 2001 to present, Placement Chair, 2003-2005
- National Association of Corporate Directors, Atlanta Chapter, Member
- NCAA 2007 Final Four, Atlanta Local Organizing Committee, Special Events & Youth Outreach, Chair
- Power over Prejudice Summit, Chair, 2005 and 2006

Awards & Honors

- Georgia Rising Star (2005)
- Junior League of Atlanta Fidelity Award Winner (2007)
- *Atlanta Business Chronicle* 40-Under-40 Up and Comer Award Winner (2007)

Publications

"The Modern Estate Planning Lawyer," *Probate & Property*, co-authored with Nicole J. Wade, November/December 2008

"Allowance of Claims Against Estate Planning Attorneys by Intended Beneficiaries of the Estate," *Georgia Probate News*, June 2008

"Department of Justice Revises Policies on Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege in Corporate Fraud Investigations," co-authored with R. Joseph Burby, IV, December 2006

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"Electronic Data Discovery - How the Changes in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will Change the Production of Electronic Evidence," co-authored with Vjollca Prroni, December 2006

"Everything You Never Knew You'd Need To Know About Garnishment," co-authored with Jill H. Greene & Stacey Godfrey Evans, June 2006

"Necessity to Preserve Evidence Remains Despite Reversal of Second Government Conviction regarding Destruction of Documentary Evidence," co-authored with Jason R. Curles, March 2006

"Sarbanes-Oxley Act Provides No Private Right of Action to Seek Disgorgement of Profits and Bonuses from Chief Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officers," October 2005

"Corporate Special Investigations: Sharing Reports with the Government and the Loss of Privilege," co-authored with W. Scott Sorrels, Ralph J. Caccia & Daniel G. Ashburn, May 2005

"Increased SEC Aggressiveness in Investigations and Enforcement Actions: New Initiatives, Tougher Stances, Wider Exposure and Stiffer Penalties for Non-cooperation," co-authored with Thomas S. Richey & W. Scott Sorrels, September 2004

Speaking Engagements

- "How to Avoid a Bar Complaint in Conducting an Internal Investigation," January 2007
- "Discovery from the Bench," Atlanta Bar Association, January 2007
- "Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Governing Electronic Discovery," December 2006

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- "The Roles of In-House Counsel, Officers and Directors when the Need for an Internal Investigation Arises," August 2006
- "Everything You Never Knew You'd Need To Know About Garnishment," State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting, June 2006
- "The Perils of E-mail in Corporate Investigations," June 2005
- "When to Conduct Internal Investigations and Cooperating with the Government," April 2005
- "Trends in Auditor Liability and SEC Enforcement," January 2005