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PRACTICE FOCUS

Litigation
Products Liability
Professional Liability
Life, Health & Disability Insurance
Healthcare Litigation & Administrative Proceedings
Class Action & Complex Mass Tort
Land Use & Development Rights

EDUCATION

University of Florida, B.A., 2008, *cum laude*
Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2012: Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law, Development Editor

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association
The Florida Bar
Hillsborough County Bar Association

Carolina Blanco's approach is client-centric and focused on finding innovative solutions for complex legal issues.

Carolina Blanco serves as the firm's Hiring Partner. Carolina's practice covers an array of commercial litigation matters in federal and state court, with experience representing clients in a wide variety of business disputes, including fraud, intentional torts, contract disputes, and land use litigation. She also has experience defending companies in products liability matters. Carolina is fully bilingual and serves as counsel for several Hispanic business-owners in the Tampa Bay area.

In addition to her litigation practice, Carolina serves as outside counsel for healthcare entities needing assistance with physician credentialing issues, peer review disputes, revocation of physician privileges, reporting requirements, and hospital-conducted administrative hearings.

In 2013, she served as a judicial law clerk for The Honorable James D. Whittemore at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Outside the firm, Carolina volunteers for Prospera, an organization dedicated to helping Hispanic entrepreneurs grow their businesses. In her spare time, she enjoys live music, boating, and adventures with family and friends.

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Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Federal Court; Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida

LANGUAGES

Spanish

HONORS

- Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star (2019-2025)
- Temporary Law Clerk to The Honorable James D. Whittemore, U.S. District Court Judge, Middle District of Florida (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]: Ones to Watch (2021-2026)

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a steel manufacturer in litigation regarding alleged product defects and negligence
- Representing an integrated health care system in litigation with former employee concerning breach of contract and intentional torts
- Representing Hispanic-owned business in non-compete lawsuit

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Prospera: Board of Directors (2022-2024)
- Prospera Regional Board (2022)
 - Technical Assistance Committee: Past Chair
- Tampa Connection Graduate, Class of 2017
- Leadership Tampa Graduate, Class of 2023

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Seventy-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] and *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*[®] in America
Firm News, 8.21.25

Fifty-Eight Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named to 2025 Florida Super Lawyers List
Firm News, 6.26.25

Eighty-Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2025 Publication
Firm News, 8.15.24

Carolina Blanco Joins International Association of Defense Counsel
Firm News, 7.1.24

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Fifty-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.24.24

Eighty-Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2024 Publication
Firm News, 8.17.23

Sixty-one Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.27.23

Eighty-One Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2023 Publication
Firm News, 8.18.22

Carolina Blanco Selected for Leadership Tampa Class of 2023
Firm News, 7.28.22

61 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 7.1.22

Carolina Y. Blanco Appointed to Prospera Board of Directors
Firm News, 6.9.22

Hill Ward Henderson Elects Eight New Shareholders
Firm News, 1.13.22

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 Publication
Firm News, 8.19.21

58 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.23.21

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication
Firm News, 8.20.20

Fifty Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.5.20