Starr Linette Brookins

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Starr Linette Brookins is a member of the firm's General Liability practice defending a broad range of insurance defense cases. From securing defense verdicts in trial to leading multiple community organizations, Starr brings an exceptional blend of courtroom prowess and civic leadership.

Starr earned her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University School of Law as a Presidential Merit Scholar, and her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology, magna cum laude, from The University of Tampa. She has received numerous professional accolades, including recognition among the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' Leader in the Law Award, and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

An accomplished trial attorney, Starr has established herself through successful first-chair representation in both state and federal courts throughout Florida. Her experience includes presenting oral arguments before the Second District Court of Appeal and securing significant victories for clients, including a notable defense verdict in federal court – affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals – in a $14.7 million case. Starr also serves as a Hearing Officer for Hillsborough County where she presides over cases and renders decisions.

Prior to joining Conroy Simberg, Starr served as a Partner and Business Unit Leader at a leading insurance defense firm as well as a Senior Trial Attorney at a major insurance company where she managed complex litigation involving bodily injury and motorist claims. A strategic litigation leader, speaker, and trial attorney, Starr has over 15 years of experience managing, litigating, and trying high-exposure civil litigation, insurance defense, catastrophic injury, and complex risk matters before both judges and juries.

Education:

- J.D., The George Washington University School of Law
- B.S., *magna cum laude,* The University of Tampa

Practice Areas:

- Automobile Litigation
- Bad Faith & Extra Contractual Litigation
- General Liability
- Intentional Torts
- Premises Liability

Bar Admissions:

- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Professional Affiliations:

- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, Former President, and current Board of Directors Member
- The Athena Society, Former Young Women of Promise Chairman

Representative Experience:

- Obtained complete defense verdict and judgment in favor of named insurance company in federal court, which was per curiam affirmed by The Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. This was an underinsured/uninsured motorist claim involving in automobile accident where Plaintiff was claiming a traumatic brain injury, psychological/mental harm, as well as multiple severe orthopedic damages requiring surgery, and seeking $14.7 million.
- Obtained defense verdict in automobile accident case in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit involving a minor where the jury did not find permanency or pain and suffering.
- Obtained defense verdict in automobile accident case in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit with an extraordinarily sympathetic Plaintiff where the jury did not find permanency or pain and suffering.

Speaking Engagements:

- She Wants to Run: Becoming a Civic Leader, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. – Tampa Bay Area Chapter, April 2026
- Women Who Lead, Hillsborough College Student Government Association, March 2026
- Ages and Stages of Athena an Inside Look into our Sisterhood, The Athena Society, February 2025
- Success Looks Like Me, IDEA Victory, January 2022
- May the Fourth Be With You – Judicial Nominating Commission Jedi Bootcamp, Florida Association for Women Lawyers, May 2021
- The Case for Passing the Equal Rights Amendment, Café Con Tampa, April 2021
- Survival of the Fittest, Stetson University College of Law, October 2020
- The Legal System, Our Courts & Judges, Bible Based Fellowship Church, July 2020
- Leadership Lessons, Cooley Law School – Journey to Esquire, February 2020
- Challenging Perceptions and Living with Civility, The University of Tampa – Diversity Fellowship, February 2015

Community Involvement:

- Tampa Jewish Family Services, Secretary, 2025-Present
- The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, Board of Directors, 2024-Present
- The Regent, Board of Directors, 2023-Present
- The University of Tampa Board of Counselors
- George Edgecomb Bar Association, Scholarship Banquet Committee member
- Teen Court Delinquency Diversionary Program, Volunteer Judge, 2011-Present
- Rotary International, 2021-Present
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., 2004-Present
- Hillsborough County Human Relations Board, Former Chair
- The Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Former Vice President

Honors & Distinctions:

- President's Award, Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers
- Leader in the Law, Florida Association for Women Lawyers

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Tampa G.I.R.L.S. Rock Honoree – Civics Award
- Judge Carol E. Draper Teen Court Service Award, Community Legal Services of Mid Florida
- "Finer Woman" Award, Epsilon Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- The Guardian of Justice Pro Bono Award, Community Legal Services
- Top 100 Lawyers, The National Black Lawyers
- Anne Frank Humanitarian Award