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Gillian is an experienced litigator representing clients in consumer law, business disputes and commercial litigation in both federal and state court.

OVERVIEW

Gillian uses her many years of experience at prominent national law firms to guide her clients, which include national banks, mortgage investors and loan servicers, to prompt and reasonable resolution in matters arising under federal and state law. Her practice includes litigation defense and compliance advice regarding FDCPA, TILA, FCRA, and RESPA, as well as resolving issues arising from contract disputes, business torts, foreclosure, title defects, eviction, and debt collection. Gillian is licensed to practice in Virginia and Florida and actively litigates in both states. Further, she has experience in West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland.

Gillian graduated *cum laude* from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, where she was the executive editor of Volume 54 of the *Catholic University Law Review*. She also served as a teaching assistant for the first-year legal writing Lawyering Skills Program.

AWARDS

- *Virginia Business Magazine*: "Legal Elite" in Civil Litigation (2021-2023, 2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Consumer Financial Services](#)
- [Financial Services Litigation](#)

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Consumer Financial Services](#)
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- [Litigation + Trial](#)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The Catholic University of America, J.D., *cum laude*, 2005
- Georgetown University, B.A., 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- Florida
- District of Columbia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[Fourth Circuit Clarifies What Constitutes a QWR Under RESPA](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, February 24, 2022.
- Co-author, "2019 Consumer Financial Services Year in Review & A Look Ahead," *Troutman Sanders*, February 24, 2020.
- Author, "Tossing Its Hat in the Ring: With *Summerlin v. Stewart*, the Ninth Circuit Exposes the Harmful Ambiguity Caused by *Ring v. Arizona*," 53 *Cath. U. L. Rev.* 1091 (2004).

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Mentioned, "[Anthem May Escape Suit Over \\$415K Air Ambulance Ride](#)," *Law360*, March 17, 2022.