

# Benjamin Elliott and Mary Ruth Houston Speak on Federal Bar Association 2023 Summer Series Panel

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[Benjamin Elliott](#) and [Mary Ruth Houston](#), partners in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Orlando office, recently spoke on a panel for the Orlando Federal Bar Association's 2023 Summer Series, a six-part program for law students working in Orlando and nearby areas.

The well-attended panel, "Professionalism and Ethical Challenges for New Attorneys," was part of the Federal Bar Association's Summer Series and discussed ways for young attorneys to overcome ethical and professional obstacles that they may face in the early years of practice. Ben and Mary Ruth appeared on the panel alongside another distinguished attorney and a U.S. District Judge appointed to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, as they discussed courtroom and litigation decorum. The panelists also offered their thoughts on relevant ethical considerations in civil and criminal settings, and shared general advice for appearing in Federal Court. For more information, [click here](#).

## About Benjamin F. Elliott

[Benjamin Elliott](#) is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Benjamin's practice includes the representation of public and private clients in large multi-party litigation. Benjamin joined Shutts from a large Northeast law firm and previously served as a Special Assistant to the General Counsel to the Governor of Connecticut as well as an intern in the United State Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut. Benjamin currently serves as an officer to the Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

## About Mary Ruth Houston

[Mary Ruth Houston](#) is Co-Managing Partner of the Orlando office and Chair of the firm's Labor & Employment Law Practice Group. She is certified as a mediator in Florida courts and the Middle District of Florida. She was selected as Orlando's 2020 "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation - Labor and Employment, by *Best Lawyers in America*®.

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Mary Ruth focuses on business and employment-related issues using a problem-solving approach that helps clients concentrate on their core business. With over 30 years of experience handling complex disputes, her understanding of business issues outside the courtroom enables her to advise companies on how to avoid litigation, minimize its effects or, when litigation is required, handle it efficiently and effectively. Mary Ruth assists companies throughout Florida and beyond with legal challenges that may permanently affect their businesses. Corporations of all sizes turn to Mary Ruth for her experience in pretrial, trial (including trying multiple cases to verdict), and appellate work.

### Professionals

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