

Dana Garrett Diment

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Education: University of Georgia, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982; Auburn University, B.A., with honors, 1978
Admitted: Georgia, 1982
Peer Review Rating (Martindale-Hubbell): AV rated for over twenty years
Memberships: Carroll County Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia (Member, Real Estate Law Section)
Practice Areas: Real estate and land title insurance litigation; construction litigation and arbitration; commercial litigation
Born: Carrollton, Georgia, March 20, 1957

Dana Garrett Diment has skillfully handled a wide array of commercial litigation matters throughout Georgia, focusing primarily on real property disputes and title insurance claims and construction litigation. Diment has substantial experience in all aspects of land title insurance matters, from the evaluation and administration of insurance claims, to the defense of insured owners and lenders, to the litigation of insurance coverage disputes, to recovery and recoupment. In addition, as counsel to construction general contractors, subcontractors, and sureties, Diment has significant knowledge and experience with respect to construction disputes, litigation, and arbitration, and Diment has applied that experience and knowledge to the successful materialmen's lien claims and the like. Diment also has considerable experience litigating commercial lending disputes.

In matters ranging from complex and fiercely contested lawsuits to simpler suits where efficiency is essential, Diment has been lead counsel at the engagement of title insurers in numerous actions in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal levels throughout Georgia. Diment's enthusiasm for land title law began in the late 1980's while she was associated with Smith, Gambrell, and Russell in Atlanta, Georgia, where Diment was engaged as outside field claims counsel for Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, making coverage determinations, setting reserves, and resolving claims, while remaining in private practice. Diment joined the partnership of that Atlanta firm, but she ultimately returned to her hometown of Carrollton, Georgia, to form the firm now known as Diment Porterfield LLP.

As the senior partner in a law firm that is significantly devoted to real estate, title insurance, and commercial litigation, Diment has enthusiastically handled hundreds of matters on behalf of many title insurers, construction lenders, and owners. Diment is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and all state and federal courts in Georgia.

Representative experience:

A. Land title disputes involving owners and lender

Diment has efficiently handled hundreds of litigated and non-litigated claims land title disputes, favorably resolved numerous lawsuits through pre-trial dispositive motions, and tried several jury trials to successful verdicts on behalf of owners of real property and lenders. A list of representative cases is available.

B. Insurance coverage disputes

Diment has successfully handled litigation of title insurance coverage disputes at trial and appellate levels and in the state and federal courts involving policies in amounts ranging to over one hundred million dollars. A list of representative cases is available.

C. Recoupment and recovery actions

Diment has extensive experience with respect to recovery and recoupment actions against errors and omissions carriers, remote warrantors, and surveyors, among others, from the pursuit of non-litigated claims through the enforcement of judgments by levy and execution.

D. Insurance claims administration

Diment's experience with insurance claims administration dates to the late 1980's when she was engaged as outside field claims counsel for the Georgia State Office of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, making coverage determinations, setting reserves, and resolving claims. In the succeeding years, Diment has established an efficient, experienced team of attorneys and paralegals to skillfully administer the resolution of non-litigated curative actions arising from matters ranging from simple title defects to the alleged defalcation of closing attorneys.

Dana Garrett Diment is the author of "Clearing the Clouds: Actions to Quiet Title," which she has addressed as a continuing legal education speaker.