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EDUCATION

Florida International University
College of Law
(Juris Doctorate)

Florida International University
(Bachelor in Political Science
and Cuban American Studies)

ADMISSIONS

Florida
U.S. District Court (M.D. Fla)
U.S. District Court (S.D. Fla)

Glenda M. Almela was born in Havana, Cuba and speaks fluent Spanish. Ms. Almela obtained her Juris Doctorate from Florida International University College of Law, where she graduated top 15% of her class and worked as a teaching assistant (T.A.) helping first year law students master their legal writing and advocacy skills. Furthermore, Ms. Almela was also a member of FIU's Moot Madrid Arbitration Team where she participated in international arbitration competitions dealing with complex anti-trust business litigation, maritime law and international trade in front of the Chamber of Commerce in Madrid, Spain. Ms. Almela also clerked for the Honorable Judge Jose Rodriguez of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida gaining invaluable insight into the courtroom.

Since entering the practice of law, Ms. Almela worked representing corporations and employees alike in labor matters involving the Fair Labor Standard Act, the Florida Minimum Wage Act, and Title VII. Ms. Almela also represented Florida families in matters of divorce, termination of parental rights and child support modifications. In addition, Ms. Almela zealously represented clients in first property insurance disputes for a large Miami-based litigation firm.

On her days off, Ms. Almela enjoys traveling, reading fiction, attending polo matches and the ballet.

PRACTICE AREAS

- First and Third-Party Coverage and Defense

ASSOCIATIONS & HONORS

- Cum laude; Class rank: Top 15%
- Book Awards in Legal Skills and Values and National Security and the Constitution American Bar Association
- Moot Madrid Arbitration Competition: Honorable Writing Award for the Brief filed on Behalf of Claimant; Honorable Writing Award for the Offer Letter to Present Settlement