

## People

### Kerry Valdez

Associate, Litigation

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Kerry Valdez focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, with a particular focus on private equity, M&A, bet-the-company, and shareholder litigation. Kerry also has experience representing clients in both federal and state courts with insurance and legal malpractice defense. In addition she has notable appellate experience, having drafted a successful brief that prevailed before the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

During her tenure as a judicial clerk in both state and federal courts, Kerry gained valuable experience by drafting comprehensive bench memoranda and opinions for judicial appellate panels and orders and recommendations on case disposition in federal district court. Additionally, she assisted judges in preparing for both civil and criminal hearings and trials, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of judicial proceedings.

### Related Professional Experience

- Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Rodney Smith, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2024-2025
- Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2021-2023
- Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Melanie G. May, Fourth District Court of Appeal, 2016-2017
- City Attorney's Office, City of Fort Lauderdale, Legal Intern, 2014
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Senate Subcommittee, Legal Intern, 2011

### Affiliations

- Nova Southeastern University Law Leadership Council, Board of Governors, 2020–Present
- Broward County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Board of Governors, 2020–2022

### Areas of Experience

Litigation  
Appellate  
Commercial Disputes  
Insurance Litigation  
Private Equity Litigation  
Professional Liability

### Education

J.D., Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, 2016, magna cum laude, Order of Barristers, *Nova Law Review*, Editor in Chief  
B.S., Colgate University, 2012, cum laude

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida