



## Glenda M. Almela

### Associate

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Glenda Almela represents clients, including corporations and insurance companies, in litigation focusing on first-party property and liability coverage disputes. Glenda has extensive experience in coverage dispute litigation, defending insurance companies and homeowners alike, including experience arguing dispositive motions, taking and defending expert depositions, and representing clients in jury trials.

Glenda also represents corporations and employees in matters involving the Fair Labor Standard Act, the Florida Minimum Wage Act, and Title VII.

Before joining Hinshaw, Glenda practiced at a mid-size firm focused on coverage dispute issues and represented one of the biggest insurance companies in the State of Florida in property claims.

While in law school, Glenda served as a teaching assistant for first-year legal writing students and clerked for the Honorable Judge Jose Rodriguez of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, gaining invaluable insight into the courtroom. Glenda was also a member of her law school's international 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.

## Professional Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
  - The Young Lawyers Division

## Honors & Awards

- Florida International University College of Law
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award in "Litigation Skills and Values" and "National Security and the Constitution"
  - Honorable Writing Award for the Brief filed on Behalf of Claimant (Moot Madrid Arbitration Competition)
  - Honorable Writing Award for the Offer Letter to Present Settlement (Moot Madrid Arbitration Competition)
  - Pro Bono Service Award

## Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Labor & Employment  
Latin America

## Industries

Insurance & Reinsurance  
Insurance Coverage  
Insurer Litigation — Bad Faith/  
Extra-Contractual  
Construction

## Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Florida  
International University College  
of Law

B.S., Political Science and  
Cuban American Studies,  
Florida International University

## Admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court for the  
Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the  
Southern District of Florida



## Personal

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