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## **ABOUT**

Daniela is a litigator and former federal law clerk who helps clients navigate complex disputes. She cares about serving her clients' short- and long-term needs, representing families and businesses in cases ranging from \$20K to \$20M in dispute. She is licensed to practice in Texas, California, and D.C.

Daniela looks for cost-effective ways to resolve issues, but welcomes a trial, having taken cases to verdict in federal court, state court, and arbitration. She handles all phases of a civil case, including pre-suit investigations, ex parte applications, pleadings, motions, hearings, depositions, discovery, document management, trial, mediation, alternative dispute resolution, and multidistrict litigation. She also manages post-judgment and appellate litigation.

Daniela's clerkship with a local legend gave her a world-class legal education. She also sharpened her skills at Notre Dame Law School. She was one of ten students invited to join both the Law Review and Moot Court Board—providing her the rare opportunity to brief and argue at the U.S. Court of Appeals—and she served as Co-President of the Hispanic Law Students Association.

Daniela credits her resolve to being a woman of faith and descendant of Bolivian immigrants. She and her husband met a decade ago on a fateful bus ride from Barcelona to Madrid. They are the parents of two

spunky girls.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to her work at GDHM, Daniela has the following credentials:

- Admissions:
  - U.S. District Court for the Western, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas
  - U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California
  - U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
  - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
  - U.S. Supreme Court
- Education:
  - Notre Dame Law School (Juris Doctor, with honors, 2018): Notre Dame Law Review; Notre Dame Moot Court Board; Dean's Awards, Legal Writing I & II; Co-President, Hispanic Law Students Association; Assistant Rector, Lyons Hall
  - University of San Diego Law School (Post-Baccalaureate Paralegal Certificate, with honors, 2014): Ranked First in Class
  - University of California at Santa Barbara (Bachelor of Arts, 2013): Attended Full-Immersion Program at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona
- Experience:
  - Judicial Clerk, Hon. Lee Yeakel (2020–2022)
  - Litigation Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP (2018–2020); Summer Associate (Summer 2016 & 2017)
  - Judicial Clerk, Hon. Anthony Patti (Fall 2018)
  - Litigation Law Clerk, Suppa Trucchi & Henein LLP (2014–2015)
  - Judicial Extern, Hon. Brian Hill (Summer 2012)

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Daniela most often advocates for her client's rights under a contract or constitution. Her varied practice has included the following highlights:

- Federal jury trial on matter featured in *Texas Monthly*
- State jury trial for \$20M breach-of-contract dispute
- Arbitration hearing for SaaS technology company
- Pre-judgment relief for defrauded business owners
- Plaintiff- and defense-side litigation in multiparty construction disputes

- Multidistrict litigation on behalf of local homeowners
- Class action defense for Fortune 5 company involving customer data
- Antitrust litigation and counseling for Fortune 100 telecommunications company
- Impact litigation for children's rights and detainee's rights in conjunction with nonprofit
- Section 1983 litigation with government entities and officials, including matters reported on by *Austin-American Statesman*
- First Amendment victory for historic Baptist church

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Daniela loves cultivating community, participating in the:

- Austin Bar Association, Civil Litigation Board & Trial Notebook Committee
- Alpha Phi Board
- Calvert Inn of Court
- Cafecito Network of Austin
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association
- Mother Attorney Mentoring Association
- Mueller Neighborhood Association
- Notre Dame Club of Austin
- Providence Church

## PRESS

- <https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2023-02-24/the-city-forced-their-churchs-expensive-demolition/>
- <https://www.texasmonthly.com/being-texan/can-luckenbach-be-saved/>

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Daniela values staying ahead of legal developments. She has written or spoken about:

- "What Lawyers and Clients should know about Texas's Business Courts," Land & Mineral Owner Seminar (forthcoming 2024)
- "Business Courts Are Here: A Legislative Update," Austin Bar Association (2023)
- "Are Business and Other Specialty Courts Coming to Texas?," Austin Bar Association (2023)
- "Paths to the Bench," Cafecito Network of Austin (2023)
- "The Anatomy of a Federal Pleading," Texas State Bar (2023)

- “Federal Judges Collaborate on Zoom, Ask Attorneys to Do the Same,” ABTL Report (2020)
- “How FDA is Monitoring the COVID-19 Product Market,” Life Sciences Blog (2020)
- “FDA, FTC Actions Against COVID-19 Products Continue,” Class Dismissed Blog (2020)
- “FDA, FTC Send Warning Letters to Companies Marketing Products to Treat Coronavirus; State Attorneys General Follow Suit,” Class Dismissed Blog (2020)
- “The Future of Multidistrict Litigation,” 51 Conn. L. Rev. 769 (2019) (co-authored with Professor Jay Tidmarsh)
- “Contrasting Andean Attitudes toward Foreign Direct Investment,” 1 Glob. Soc’y J. 9 (2013)

## **AWARDS**

- Rising Star (Super Lawyers, 2024)
- Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services (California State Bar, 2020)