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## **ABOUT**

Daniela is a litigator and former federal law clerk who helps clients navigate complex disputes. She represents family-owned businesses as well as Fortune 500 companies. She is passionate about serving her clients' short- and long-term needs. This involves being transparent, agile, and building authentic relationships with the bench and bar. She is fluent in Spanish and licensed to practice in Texas, California, and Washington, D.C.

Daniela looks for cost-effective ways to resolve or narrow 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, discovery, document management, trial, settlement, 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, where she collaborated with an expert in complex litigation. 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 over a decade ago on a fateful bus ride from Barcelona to Madrid. Today, they are parents to a spunky two-year-old girl. They enjoy life's simple pleasures, like trying new coffee shops, taking long walks, and hosting dinner parties.

## **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 the Constitution. Her varied practice has included:

- Pre-judgment relief for defrauded business owners
- State jury trial for \$20M breach-of-contract dispute
- Federal jury trial on matter featured in *Texas Monthly*
- First Amendment victory for historic Baptist church
- Arbitration for software company
- Multidistrict litigation on behalf of local homeowners
- Plaintiff- and defense-side litigation in multiparty construction disputes
- Consumer class action defense for Fortune 5 company involving customer data
- Product liability advisement for Fortune 5 company in anticipation of product launch
- Antitrust litigation and counseling for Fortune 100 company in furtherance of blockbuster merger
- Statewide impact litigation for children’s rights and detainee’s rights in conjunction with university and nonprofit
- Section 1983 litigation involving local government entities and officials

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

Daniela loves cultivating community, participating in the:

- Robert Calvert Inn of Court
- Austin Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section Board
- Alpha Phi Board
- Cafecito Network of Austin
- Travis County Women Lawyers’ Association
- Mother Attorney Mentoring Association
- Mueller Neighborhood Association
- Notre Dame Club of Austin
- Providence Church

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Daniela values staying ahead of legal developments. She has written and spoken on:

- “Business Courts Are Here: A Legislative Update,” Austin Bar Association (2023)
- “The Anatomy of a Federal Pleading,” Texas State Bar (2023)
- “Paths to the Bench,” Cafecito Network of Austin (2023)
- “Are Business and Other Specialty Courts Coming to Texas?,” Austin Bar Association (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 Signals Flexibility with COVID-19 Tests,” Class Dismissed Blog (2020)
- “FDA Warns Against At-Home Testing Kits,” Class Dismissed 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**

- Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services (California State Bar, 2020)