



## Gabriela Cortes

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Gabriela Cortes is an associate in the Coral Gables office of PBY&A, joining the firm in 2020. She practices in the business litigation group, with a varied skillset spanning multiple verticals, including, financial services, mortgage banking litigation, insurance defense, EEOC complaints, and trademark prosecution. She has handled all aspects of client litigation from inception to trial, including appellate work.

### PRACTICE AREAS

General Civil Litigation  
Business Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation  
Corporate Litigation

Insurance Disputes  
Labor & Employment

### EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, J. D. Cum Laude, 2007

Nova Law Review, 2005-2007

Nova Law Review, Subscriptions Editor, 2006-2007

Jones College, B.S. in Legal Assistance, 2000

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar

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

Florida Real Estate Sales Associate License

### SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Instructor, National Association for Foreign Attorneys (NAFA), *Intellectual Property Law and Civil Procedure*

### REPORTED CASES

U.S. Bank N.A. v. Becker, 211 So. 3d 142 (Fla. 4th DCA 2017) (appellate court reversed order of involuntary dismissal at trial based on Plaintiff's alleged lack of standing due to original note containing an allonge bearing a special indorsement payable to a third-party, holding that Plaintiff sufficiently established its standing to bring the foreclosure action, and establishing precedent in Florida concerning the effect of an "anomalous endorsement" when a note is negotiated.)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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

## CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Coach and Grader for Florida Bar.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining the firm, Gabriela worked first as a litigation paralegal for the Intellectual Property law firm, Sanchelima & Associates, P.A., then as a litigation paralegal and attorney for Lapin & Leichtling, LLP, both Miami-based law firms. Gabriela has worked in the legal field for 22 years and has experienced all aspects of litigation both as a paralegal and as an attorney. She also holds a degree in fashion design and is a licensed real estate sales associate in Florida.

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (Fluent)

French (Conversational)