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## Overview

Natalie Carlos' practice incorporates all aspects of complex business litigation and appeals, including commercial fraud, contract, employment, wrongful competition, media, and First Amendment rights. Her extensive experience includes representing clients at numerous trial and arbitrations in state and federal courts, as well as oral arguments in the appellate courts. She is credited in numerous published appellate and federal district court opinions.

Natalie has been selected for recognition in publications for her excellence in complex business litigation, including in the *South Florida Legal Guide* and Florida Super Lawyers. In addition to being a member of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, Natalie was a member of the Appellate Court Rules Committee and was on its executive board.

Before beginning her law career, Natalie was an associate editor and professional writer for a trade magazine specializing in business and leisure travel. In law school, Natalie used her writing skills as a member and executive editor of the *University of Miami Law Review*. She completed her last semester of law school as a certified legal intern in the Appellate Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eleventh Circuit, at which time current U.S. District Judge Adalberto Jordan was the acting chief.

## Experience

- *Brice v. Pan Am Horizons Fed. Credit Union*, 11 So. 3d 454 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009).

- *Rankin v. Van Vorgue*, 994 So. 2d 463 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008).
- *Event Firm, LLC v. Augustin*, 985 So. 2d 1174 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008).
- *Barco Holdings, LLC v. Terminal Inv. Corp.*, 967 So. 2d 281 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007).
- *James Crystal Licenses, LLC v. Infinity Radio Inc.*, 963 So. 2d 982 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007).
- *Sebree v. Schantz, Schatzman, Aaronson & Perlman*, 963 So. 2d 842 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007).
- *Masztal v. City of Miami*, 971 So. 2d 803 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007).
- *Whitby v. Infinity Radio, Inc.*, 961 So. 2d 349 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007).
- *Whitby v. Infinity Radio Inc.*, 951 So. 2d 890 (Fla. 4th DCA 2007).
- *Gillet v. Watchtower Bible & Tract Soc'y of Pa., Inc.*, 913 So. 2d 618 (Fla. 3d DCA 2005).
- *Paul Revere Life Ins. Co. v. Damus, Ecker, Rosenthal & Marshall, M.D.*, 864 So. 2d 442 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003).
- *Kendall Vill., Inc. v. U.S. Dev., Ltd., ex rel. U.S. Dev. Corp.*, 843 So. 2d 365 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003).
- *MCI Exp., Inc. v. Ford Motor Co.*, 832 So. 2d 795 (Fla. 3d DCA 2002).
- *Stensby v. Effjohn Oy Ab*, 806 So. 2d 542 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001).
- *Midrash Sephardi, Inc. v. Town of Surfside*, 800 So. 2d 258 (Fla. 3d DCA 2001).
- *Sunshine Bottling Co. v. Tropicana Prods., Inc.*, 757 So. 2d 1231 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000).
- *Butler v. Dowling*, 50 So. 2d 674 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999).
- *King v. Hall*, 740 So. 2d 1241 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999).
- *Reliance Ins. Co. v. Safeharbor Employer Servs. I, Inc.*, 223 F. App'x 887 (11th Cir. 2007).
- *Perkins v. Sandals Resorts Int'l, Ltd.*, 135 F. App'x 278 (11th Cir. 2005).
- *Midrash Sephardi, Inc. v. Town of Surfside*, 366 F.3d 1214 (11th Cir. 2004).
- *AXA Equitable Life Ins. Co. v. Infinity Fin. Grp., LLC*, No. 9:08-cv-80611, 2009 WL 1916390 (S.D. Fla. 2009).
- *AXA Equitable Life Ins. Co. v. Infinity Fin. Grp., LLC*, 608 F. Supp. 2d 1349 (S.D. Fla. 2009).
- *Axa Equitable Life Ins. Co. v. Infinity Fin. Grp., LLC*, 608 F. Supp. 2d 1330 (S.D. Fla. 2009).
- *PMG Collins, LLC v. Allianz Global Risks U.S. Ins. Co.*, No. 1:08-cv-21136, 2008 WL 5085148 (S.D. Fla. 2008).
- *In re Managed Care Litig.*, No. 1:03-cv-21296, 2008 WL 2944897 (S.D. Fla. 2008).
- *Reliance Ins. Co. v. Core Carriers, Inc.*, No. 3:06-cv-00585, 2008 WL 2414041 (M.D. Fla. 2008).
- *Reliance Ins. Co. v. Core Carriers, Inc.*, No. 3:06-cv-00585, 2008 WL 686153 (M.D. Fla. 2008).
- *Rolyn Const. Corp. v. Coconut Grove PT Ltd. P'Ship*, No. 1:07-cv-20834, 2007 WL 2071268 (S.D. Fla. 2007).
- *Reliance Ins. Co. (In Liquidation) v. Core Carriers, Inc.*, No. 3:06-cv-00585, 2007 WL 1100472 (M.D. Fla. 2007).
- *Perkins ex rel Estate of Perkins v. Ottershaw Invs. Ltd.*, 1:04-cv-22869, 2005 WL 3273747 (S.D. Fla. 2005).

- *Midrash Sephardi, Inc. v. Town of Surfside*, No. 1:99-cv-01566, 2003 WL 25728149 (S.D. Fla. 2003); 2003 WL 25728150 (S.D. Fla. 2003).

## Areas of Focus

### Practices

- Family Law
- Litigation and Trials
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Media, Entertainment, Music & Sports
- Trade Secrets / Noncompete Litigation and Consulting

## Insights

09.01.1999

Zoning in Florida Under the Religious Freedom Restoration Acts: What City Officials Should Watch Out for in Defending Their Ordinances Against Freedom of Religion Claims

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## News

03.06.2024

Alan Rosenthal, Natalie Carlos Featured in Daily Business Review: “Amid Controversy Over Noncompetes, Carlton Fields Gets Key Victory”

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03.04.2024

Carlton Fields Secures Victory in Novel Florida Noncompete Case

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01.24.2023

Alan Rosenthal Quoted in Daily Business Review: “Victory for Carlton Fields: Firm Helps Client Triumph in Nearly Decadelong Litigation”

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01.13.2023

Alan Rosenthal Quoted in Law360: “Miami Beach Wins Again in Code Enforcement Row With Club”

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02.07.2022

Rare Health Care Noncompete Case Settles for \$3.3M

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03.31.2021

Carlton Fields Attorneys Featured in Media for Significant Litigation Win

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12.30.2020

A Rare Non-Compete Wrinkle: Miami Lawyers Prevail in Employee-Poaching Litigation

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## Recognition

- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2013–2016)
- Florida Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2010)
- Top Lawyers, *South Florida Legal Guide* (2012–2015)
- Top Up and Comers, *South Florida Legal Guide* (2010–2011)
- Selected as America’s Most Honored Professional
  - Top 1% (2015)
  - Top 5% (2014)
  - Top 10% (2011–2012)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- The Florida Bar
  - Appellate Practice Section
    - Appellate Court Rules Committee (2003–2009)
    - Secretary (2006–2007)
    - Chair, Orientation Subcommittee (2005–2006)
    - Orientation Subcommittee (2006–2008)
- Coral Gables Bar Association
- Cuban American Bar Association

- Dade County Bar Association
  - Appellate Court Committee
- Third District Court of Appeal Historical Society

## Speaking Engagements

- “Top Ten Privilege and Privacy Blunders to Avoid in the Digital Age,” ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, Miami Beach, FL (April 13–16, 2011)

## Credentials

### Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., with honors, 1998)
  - Executive Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*
- Florida State University (B.A., 1993)

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

## Background

- Adorno & Yoss LLP (1998-2009)