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Overview

Yolanda Strader handles a wide variety of commercial litigation matters, including class actions, real property disputes, business torts such as fraud and breach of fiduciary duty, business divorces, breach of contracts, creditors' rights, bankruptcy litigation, and consumer finance issues implicating a number of statutory regimes, such as the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act (RESPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (FDCPA). With experience spanning from the inception of a case through post-judgment recovery efforts, Yolanda stands ready to try cases. She also strives to find smart solutions that recognize the goals of the businesses and industries she services, including banks, lenders, loan servicers, real estate management firms, receivers, hospitals, and law firms. Yolanda also has experience litigating large-scale matters requiring a command of electronically stored information (ESI) and large databases.

Yolanda is active in the South Florida legal community. She is a past president of the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association, formerly known as the Black Lawyers of Miami. As president of the Ferguson Bar, she spearheaded a number of initiatives to enhance diversity in the legal profession and to help deserving students in Miami. Yolanda was also a director on the board of the Dade County Bar Association and recently served on the Leadership Team for the Man and Woman of the Year Campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of South Florida.

Yolanda was selected as a recipient of the 2016 National Bar Associations "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates" award. She was also selected as a Rising Star by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2013-2019) and the *Daily Business Review* (2014). She was recognized as one of 40 Under 40 Black Professionals by *Legacy Magazine* in 2012, and as one of 40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers in South Florida by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 2013.

Experience

Litigation

- Defended real estate services company in class action proceeding including claims for breach of fiduciary duty, constructive fraud, and aiding and abetting of various torts.
- Represented provider of security services for websites in various suits seeking to enforce contractual arrangements with entities in foreign countries.
- Defended property management companies in suits alleging housing discrimination based on income source.
- Obtained order finding entitlement to attorneys' fees where opposing party and opposing lawyer brought lawsuit in bad faith. *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Fla. v. Lewis*, No. 12-12816, 2015 WL 8665975(Fla. Cir. Ct. Dec. 12, 2015).
- Obtained order dismissing tribe's claims against its former lawyers for alleged violations of RICO. *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Fla. v. Cypress*, 975 F. Supp. 2d 1298 (S.D. Fla. 2013).

Real Property Litigation

- Represented owner of high-end condominium in a partition proceeding.
- Obtained dismissal of suit against national bank including claims for quiet title, slander of title, and violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Banking

- Represented various national banks in consumer finance matters, including residential foreclosure proceedings.
- Obtained dismissal of suit accusing national bank of violating Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act.
- Obtained dismissal of suit against national bank including claims for quiet title, slander of title, and violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.
- Represented various banks in suits seeking to enforce commercial loan documents.

Franchise Litigation

- Represented Florida franchisees in actions against franchisor for rescission of franchise agreements based upon violation of various franchise disclosure requirements.
- Represented Florida franchisor in medical marijuana industry.

Health Care

- Defended an acute care hospital in a proceeding brought by certain limited partners challenging a merger.
- Represented various hospitals in connection with preparing responses to subpoenas from third parties, including compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Appellate

- Obtained affirmance of district court's order imposing sanctions pursuant to court's inherent authority against tribe's counsel for pursuing baseless claims.

Miccosukee Tribe v. Cypress, 686 F. App'x 823 (11th Cir. 2017).

- Obtained affirmance of district court's order dismissing RICO case. *Miccosukee Tribe v. Cypress*, 814 F.3d 1202 (11th Cir. 2015).
- Obtained affirmance of trial court's order granting motion for summary judgment against a tribe that pursued claims of malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud against former lawyers. *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Fla. v. Lewis*, 165 So. 3d 9 (Fla. 3d DCA 2015).

Pro Bono

- Obtained dismissal of charges against a nurse wrongly accused of domestic battery.
- Represented mother in family proceeding in which mother sought to relocate out of state with her daughter.
- Represented prisoner in a civil rights excessive-use-of-force case.
- Organized community legal fair designed to assist the underserved community of Brownsville.

All Insights

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| 04.11.2018 | Considerations Regarding Attorney-Client Privilege in the Joint Representation of Multiple Clients |
| 10.13.2015 | CFPB Issues Statement Following Reports of Widespread Student Loan Servicing Failures |
| 06.15.2015 | CFPB Continues Crackdown on Fair Lending: Marketing Materials Targeted |
| 05.15.2011 | Game Changers: New Laws Affecting Franchise Systems in 2011 |

All News

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| 04.22.2019 | Power of Attorney: Yolanda Strader Proves Unstoppable at One of Miami's Top Law Firms |
| 02.12.2019 | 10 Carlton Fields Attorneys Elected to Shareholder |
| 10.17.2018 | Carlton Fields Attorneys Co-Author ABA Business Torts Journal Article on Attorney-Client Privilege |
| 07.09.2018 | Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars" |
| 04.11.2018 | Considerations Regarding Attorney-Client Privilege in the Joint Representation of Multiple Clients |

07.10.2017 Carlton Fields Attorney Yolanda P. Strader Receives Dade County Bar Association's Woman on the Rise Award

06.23.2017 Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 "Super Lawyers" and "Rising Stars"

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in Legacy Miami's Most Powerful and Influential Black Business Leaders of 2019
- Recipient, Dade County Bar Association's "Woman on the Rise Award" (2017)
- Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association's Rising Star (2017)
- Recipient, National Bar Association's "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates" Award (2016)
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (2013-2019)
- Selected for inclusion in *Daily Business Review's* Rising Stars (2014)
- ICABA South Florida Legal Rising Star (2013)
- Quarterfinalist, Legal Eagle Closing Argument Competition benefiting Legal Services of Greater Miami Inc. (2013)
- Selected by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as one of "40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers" in South Florida (2013)
- *Legacy Magazine's* "40 Under 40 Black Professionals" honoree (2012)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - Website/Social Media Co-Chair, Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee (2019)
- The Florida Bar
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
 - Pathfinder Program (2015-2016)
- Dade County Bar Association
 - Director (2015-2018)
 - "Under 30" Director (2011-2013)
- Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association
 - Co-Chair, Judicial Committee (2019)
 - Liaison to the Judicial Diversity Initiative (2015)
 - Immediate Past President (2014)
 - President (2013)
 - President-Elect (2012)
 - Secretary (2011)
 - Scholarship & Banquet Committee (2010)

- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of South Florida
 - Leadership Team for the Man and Woman of the Year Campaign (2017)
 - Man and Woman of the Year Candidate (2016)
- University of Miami Citizens Board
- University of Miami Law Alumni Association, Board Member

Speaking Engagements

- “Acing the Job Interview,” Dade County Bar Association’s Bench and Bar Conference (February 10, 2017).
- “The Path to Success: A Conversation for Young Lawyers,” Dade County Bar Association’s Bench and Bar Conference (February 26, 2016).
- “Women’s Legal Contribution,” Broward College (March 1, 2016).
- Tracy Mourning’s Honey Shine “Aspire to Shine” Workshop (May 17, 2014).
- Practicing With Professionalism, The Florida Bar Young Lawyer Professionalism Panel (January 10, 2014).
- “Making Transition From Law Student to Lawyer,” ABA Fall Leadership Summit at the University of Miami School of Law (October 23, 2010).
- “The Condo Crisis in South Florida: A Glimpse from All Perspectives,” *University of Miami Business Law Review* Symposium (April 10, 2010).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2009)
- University of Miami (B.B.A., *cum laude*, 2005)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Florida State Courts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

Background

- Foreclosure Fellow, Legal Services of Greater Miami, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL (2009-2010)

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy
- Distressed Health Care
- Litigation and Trials

INDUSTRIES

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance

- Real Property Litigation