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## Overview

Alana Zorrilla-Gaston represents *Fortune* 500 companies in complex and class action litigation in state and federal courts. She handles both trials and appeals. Alana has particular experience representing clients in the construction and consumer finance industries.

A substantial portion of her practice involves real property litigation, representing major developers and contractors in construction disputes, including construction defect litigation, bond claims, contract claims, and disputes over construction liens. Alana also has extensive experience representing national financial lenders in lender liability and loan servicing litigation. In addition, she has represented some of the nation's largest telecommunications companies in federal suits aimed at stopping the unlawful international trafficking in prepaid wireless phones and theft of consumer subsidies.

## Experience

- *HSBC Bank USA, Nat'l Ass'n for Luminent Mortg. Tr. 2007-2 v. Sanchez*, 245 So. 3d 784 (Fla. 4th DCA 2018) (reversing order of dismissal on grounds of statute of limitations and remanding for entry of judgment in favor of bank; holding bank's allegation of payment defaults during pendency of prior foreclosure action and thereafter were sufficient to state a cause of action).
- *Wachovia Mortg. Corp. v. Posti*, 166 So. 3d 944 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015) (reversing final judgment in favor of borrower).
- *Hollingsworth v. Deutsche Bank Nat'l Tr. Co.*, 170 So. 3d 810 (Fla. 1st DCA 2015) (affirming denial of relief to borrower).
- *Bloch v. Wells Fargo Home Mortg.*, 755 F.3d 886 (11th Cir. 2014), *cert. denied*, 572 U.S. 1151 (2014) (affirming district court's granting of summary judgment to Wells Fargo).
- *Tribble v. Deutsche Bank Nat'l Tr. Co.*, No. 9:13-cv-80938, 2014 WL 186126 (S.D. Fla. Jan. 16, 2014) (granting motion to dismiss complaint against bank).
- *Holcomb v. Fed. Home Loan Mortg. Corp.*, 9:10-cv-81186, 2012 WL 718814 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 5, 2012) (granting motion for final summary judgment in favor of

lender).

## All Insights

03.25.2015 Use of Prior Servicer's Records at Trial Depends on Proper Foundation

## Professional & Community Involvement

- The Florida Bar
- Martin County Bar Association
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
  - Young Lawyers Section, Executive Board Member (2007-2013)

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Georgia School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2006)
- Duke University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002)
  - Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru (semester abroad, 2001)
  - Oxford University, Oxford, England (semester abroad, 2000)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- 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
- Florida State Courts

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish

## Background

- Summer Associate, Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A. (2005)
- Intern to the Honorable Kenneth L. Ryskamp, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (Summer 2004)
- Intern to the Honorable Larry A. Klein, Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal (Summer 2004)

## Areas of Focus

#### PRACTICES

- Construction Litigation
- Consumer Finance
- Development
- Litigation and Trials
- Real Property Litigation
- Telecommunications

#### INDUSTRIES

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Construction
- Real Estate
- Technology & Telecommunications