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Candice Balmori represents municipalities on a broad range of issues, including counseling on contracts, compliance with public records, sunshine and ethics laws. Candice also assists with advising community redevelopment agencies, drafting government contracts and resolutions, tracking legislation, the drafting, adoption, and implementation of various regulations, and in developing litigation strategies on a broad range of matters.

As a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, Candice is formally trained with an alternate dispute resolution skill set that she effectively applies to her practice.

Prior to joining the Firm, Candice practiced at a boutique law firm in South Florida where she focused on commercial litigation matters, such as contract disputes, shareholder and partnership disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, and real estate disputes. She also handled a variety of corporate-related matters and probate matters. Candice has also represented clients before Florida's Third District Court of Appeal.

While in law school, Candice was a legal intern for The Honorable Shelby Highsmith of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida and served as a student attorney with Tulane University Law

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PRACTICE AREAS

- <u>Governmental Affairs and</u> <u>Procurement</u>
- Municipal Counsel
- <u>Public Sector Land Use</u> and Zoning
- <u>Special Counsel to Local</u> <u>Government</u>
- <u>Capital Improvement,</u> <u>Infrastructure</u> <u>Development & Project</u> <u>Management</u>
- <u>Elections</u>
- <u>Ethics</u>
- <u>Mobility Solutions and</u> <u>Public Transportation</u>
- Solid Waste Management



School's Juvenile Litigation Clinic, arguing before the Louisiana Supreme Court in support of a juvenile's constitutional right to a trial by jury.

Candice was born and raised in South Florida.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Cuban American Bar Association, Director, 2018 present; Member, 2013 – present
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Board Member, 2019 present
- The Florida Bar Alternate Dispute Resolution Section, Member 2019-present
- The Florida Bar City, County & Local Government Law Section, Member 2021- present
- The Florida Bar Business Law Section, Member, 2015 2021; Diversity Fellow, 2015-2017
- Broward County Bar Association, Member, 2021 present
- Dade County Bar Association, Member, 2013 2021
- Harvard Clubs of Miami and Broward County, Member, 2010 present

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Florida *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2021, 2022 & 2023
- "Board Member of the Year," Cuban American Bar Association, 2020
- "Member of the Year," Cuban American Bar Association, 2013

PRESS MENTIONS

- *The Cuban American Bar Association And U.S. State Department Host Event*, Citybiz, April 16, 2024
- *In Miami, top US officials call for the release of women political prisoners in Cuba,* Miami Herald, April 5, 2024
- *Funcionarios de la Administración Biden piden en Miami la liberación de los presos políticos en Cuba (Video)*, AmericaTeVe Miami, April 5, 2024
- <u>US officials ask in Miami for the release of political prisoners in</u> <u>Cuba</u>, El Nuevo Herald, April 4, 2024
- <u>They launch a call to free political prisoners in Cuba (Video)</u>, Telemundo 51, April 4, 2024
- <u>CABA Human Rights Conference Focuses on Cuba</u>, The Florida Bar, October 23, 2023
- <u>Cuban American Bar Association Holds Cuba Conference</u>, citybiz.com, October 23, 2023
- *December 1, 2022 On the Move*, The Florida Bar News, December 1, 2022

- <u>Special Governmental</u> <u>Districts</u>
- <u>Utilities</u>
- <u>Public/Private</u> <u>Partnership (P3)</u> <u>Transactions</u>
- <u>Construction Contract</u> <u>Drafting and Negotiation</u>
- <u>Supreme Court Certified</u> <u>Circuit Mediator</u>

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2013

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

EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 2010

- Certificate in International & Comparative Law
- Certificate of Mediation Training

Harvard University, A.B. in Government, 2007

> Certificate in Latin American Studies



Spanish



- <u>Weiss Serota Creates Six-Atty Mediation Group In Fla.</u>, Law360, November 7, 2022
- <u>Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman Adds Mediation Services</u> <u>Practice Group</u>, Attorney at Law Magazine, November 4, 2022
- <u>Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman Adds Mediation Services</u> <u>Practice Group</u>, Citybiz, November 3, 2022
- "Juvenile judge asks Supreme Court to grant a jury trial to 14year old charged with rape", November 2, 2009, Nola.com

PRESENTATIONS

- *Speaker*, "Webinar: State-mandated ethics training for Government officials," Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman, December 8, 2023
- *Moderator*, "Virtual Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation with Florida Supreme Court Justice John D. Couriel," Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman, October 12, 2021
- *Moderator, Women's History Month Conference,* Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman, March 2021
- *Moderator*, "The New Plaza Civica in Cuba: The Role of Social Media and Digital Platforms," Cuban American Bar Association, June 2020
- *Moderator*, "Cuban Asylum Applicants: A Look at U.S. Immigration Law & Policy," Cuban American Bar Association, March 2020
- *Moderator*, "The Nexus Between Regimes: Cuba, Venezuela & Nicaragua," Cuban American Bar Association, November 2019
- *Moderator*, "Title III of the Helms Burton Act: A Look at the Recently Lifted Suspension on Remedies for Claims of Trafficking in Confiscated Property," Cuban American Bar Association, June 2019
- *Moderator*, "The International Trade of Cuban Medical Professionals: A Human Rights Perspective," Cuban American Bar Association, May 2019
- *Moderator*, "The Cuban Constitution: Past, Present, and Future," Cuban American Bar Association, February 2019
- *Moderator*, "Resolution of Claims Between the U.S. and Cuba," CABA on Cuba Conference, Cuban American Bar Association, September 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- <u>Reflections During Hispanic Heritage Month: Bedtime Stories and</u> <u>Little Pink Shoes</u>, Daily Business Review, October 4, 2024
- <u>Women's History Month Reflections: What the 'Mother of Miami'</u> <u>Can Teach Us About Grant Writing</u>, Daily Business Review, March 13, 2023
- <u>Mediation and Local Government: A Guide for Navigating</u> <u>Distinctive Terrain</u>, Daily Business Review, September 20, 2022



- "Patria y Vida: A Chorus of Free Expression for Cubans", Daily Business Review, August 16, 2021
- "A Suggestion for Advocacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Winter/Spring 2020, CABA Briefs
- "Como Conocer a un Pueblo: Exploring Archival Collections," Summer/Fall 2019, CABA Briefs
- "A Seat at the CABA on Cuba Committee's Conference Room Table," Winter/Spring 2019, CABA Briefs
- "Cuba's 2018 Presidential Election: Introducing the New Face of the Old Regime," Summer/Fall 2018, CABA Briefs
- "A Profile in Public Service: Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen," Summer/Fall 2017, CABA Briefs
- "La Jicara: An Artifact of Fidel Castro's Legacy," Winter 2017, CABA Briefs
- "Making Waves in U.S.-Cuba Business Endeavors," Summer 2016, CABA Briefs
- "The Intersection of Law and Religion in Cuba: A Prayer for Free Exercise," Winter 2016, CABA Briefs
- "Newly Paved Foreign Investment Avenues in Cuba: Potholes and Pitfalls," Spring/Summer 2015, CABA Briefs
- "Social Media: The New Plaza Civica," Fall/Winter 2014, CABA Briefs

REPORTED CASES

• *Mirzataheri v. FM East Developers, LLC,* 193 So. 3d 19 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2016)