

Alexis Dion Deveaux

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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations

Education

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2020
 - Honors Program
 - Advocacy Certification
 - Leadership Development Certification
 - Award-Winning Trial Team Member
- University of Oxford, Oxford, England, Summer 2018
- Stetson University College of Business, M.B.A., 2020
- Saint Petersburg College, B.A.S. Legal Studies, summa cum laude, 2017
 - Honors Program Graduate
 - Valedictorian of Paralegal Studies Program
 - Honors Program Graduate
- Trường Đại học Vinh (Vinh University), Vinh, Vietnam, Summer 2016
- Prague University of Economics and Business

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida Bar, 2020

Overview

Alexis Deveaux focuses her practice on business litigation, complex commercial litigation and professional liability defense. Whether litigating multimillion-dollar claims or pro bono cases, Alexis is dedicated to gaining a comprehensive understanding of clients' needs and leveraging her interpersonal skills to persuasively advocate on their behalf.

Alexis simultaneously graduated with honors from Stetson University College of Law and College of Business with her Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees. She was an award-winning member of Stetson Law's nationally ranked #1 Trial Team. Certified in Advocacy, Alexis was awarded the Victor O. Whele Book Award in Trial Advocacy and the American Law Institute CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award. Alexis served as a research assistant to the nationally respected American Bar Association Uniform Commercial Code Chair and Stetson University College of Law Professor, Candace Zierdt.

Prior to joining Gunster, Alexis studied international trial advocacy at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England, international business and trade in southeast Asia at Vinh University in Vinh, Vietnam, and diplomatic relations of the United Nations at Prague University of Economics and Business in Prague, Czech Republic.

Alexis's pro bono experience has spanned from the Florida Gulf to Washington, D.C., where she worked at the United States Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims under Chief Judge Robert N. Davis, assisting with national mass claim processing, class actions, and other administrative law matters. Alexis previously interned with the Middle District of Florida for the Honorable District Court Judge Virginia M. Covington, Honorable Bankruptcy Court Judge Catherine Peek McEwen, and Honorable Magistrate Judge Christopher P. Tuite. In addition, she held internships with the Department of Justice United States Attorney Office's Tampa Appellate Division and with the Florida State Attorney's Office for the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Alexis strives to apply the same dedication and passion to clients as she does to family, civic and community engagements. Alexis was the inaugural [fellow for the Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay](#), a preeminent nonprofit that pairs donors and regional nonprofits. Currently, Alexis serves on the board of directors for Champion's for Children, a long-standing Tampa-based nonprofit dedicated to ending child abuse and neglect, in addition to a variety of Hillsborough County Bar Association Committees.

Alexis is a member of the firm's Women's Leadership Forum. Her insights can be found in various legal publications.

Honors

- The Florida Bar YLD's Lynn Futch Most Productive Young Lawyer Award, 2022-23
 - This award is given to a young lawyer who worked most diligently in the past year in Bar activities and who has an excellent reputation for legal abilities and integrity.
- The Florida Bar's Outstanding Diversity Leadership Grant Award, 2022-23
 - Awarded in recognition of the documentary Alexis produced for the Hillsborough County Bar Association which featured numerous Federal and State Judges, and members of congress.
- Stetson College of Law Student Scholarship Dinner
- American Law Institute CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award, 2020
- Victor O. Whele Trial Advocacy Book Award, 2020
- 2020 Fellow for the Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay & Stetson University College of Law
- Research Assistant to Professor of Contracts, Sales, and Commercial Transactions Law, Candace Zierdt, 2018-2020
- 2019 Florida Justice Association Honorable E. Earle Zehmer Memorial Mock Trial Competition, *Outstanding Advocate & Semifinalist*
- 2018 National Mock Trial Lone Star Classic Competition, San Antonio Texas, *Semifinalist*
- Stetson Law Student Scholarship Awards Dinner, Keynote Speaker, 2018
- 1st Place Winner, Phi Theta Kappa Law Fraternity Annual 1L Opening Statement Competition, 2017
- 1st Place Winner, St. Petersburg College's Great Debate, 2017
- Pinellas County Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, 2016-17

Publications & Presentations

- "Imposter Syndrome," panelist, Hillsborough County Bar Association, April 2024
- "Nuts & Bolts of Billing: How to ethically and effectively bill your clients," moderator, The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, January 2024
- "Chapter Chats Session 1: Reality of Grit vs. Agility," moderator, The Florida Bar's Standing Committee, on Diversity & Inclusion, October 2023
- DEI Presentation, Luncheon Speaker, Tampa Bay Paralegal Association, August 2023
- "Sailing Towards the HERizon", Florida Association for Women Lawyers Journal, Spring/Summer 2023 Issue
- Journal Director's Address, "Sailing Towards the HERizon", Florida Association for Women Lawyers Journal, Spring/Summer 2023 Issue
- "Back and Better Than Ever", Florida Association for Women Lawyers Journal, Fall/Winter 2022-23 Issue

- Journal Director’s Address “Back and Better Than Ever”, Florida Association for Women Lawyers Journal, Fall/Winter 2022-23 Issue
- “Practicing with DEI Lenses”, *LAWYER*, September/October 2022 Issue
- “Adding Equity: The Renamed and Now Standing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee”, *LAWYER*, Nov/Dec 2021 Issue
- “Unveiling Implicit Bias” CLE, Speaker, 2021 Florida Bar Sponsored Hillsborough County Bar Association’s Diversity Fair
- DEI CLE Presentation, Hillsborough County Bar Association Florida Bar Sponsored Diversity Fair May, 2021
- “Across *Our* Bridge: 10 Steps We Can Take for a Better Tomorrow”, *LAWYER*, May/June 2021 Issue
- “Extinguish Rapid-Fire Emails: Stop, Drop & Role”, *LAWYER*, March/April 2021 Issue
- “3 Steps to Foster Diversity and Inclusion in the Age of COVID-19”, *LAWYER*, Jan/Feb 2021 Issue
- Chief Judge Robert N. Davis of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, “The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: The Newest Federal Court Experiment, Past, Present, and Future”, *Harvard Law School National Security Journal*, 2019
- Kristen David Adams and Candace Zierdt, *International Sale of Goods*, 74 *Bus. Lawyer* 1311 (2019)
- Kristen David Adams and Candace Zierdt *International Sale of Goods*, 73 *Bus. Lawyer* 1243 (2018)
- 5 Things Law Students Can Learn From Legally Blonde, Stetson College of Law Admissions Blog, 2020
- “What Scholarship Support Means to Me” Presentation, Stetson Law Student Scholarship Awards Dinner, Keynote Speaker, 2018

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - The Florida Bar’s Young Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates
 - Florida Delegate to the ABA YLD House of Delegates
 - Legal Opportunity Scholarship Committee, Member
- Florida Bar Association, 2020-present
 - YLD Board of Governors, Governor
 - Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Vice-Chair
 - Gender Equality Subcommittee, Chair, 2023-24
 - Path to Unity Subcommittee, Chair, 2023-24
 - Student Education and Admission to the Bar Committee, Member
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
 - YLD Director, 2023-24

- Journal Director and Editor, 2022-23
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
 - YLD Board of Directors, Director
 - Programs Committee, Chair, 2023-24
 - Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Chair, 2022-23
 - HCBA Documentary Planning Committee, Chair, 2021-23
 - HCBA Documentary Premier Event Planning Committee, Chair, 2022-23
 - Pro Bono 5k River Run Committee
 - Music and Motivation Subcommittee, Chair, 2020-24
- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers
 - Membership Director, 2024-present
 - HAWL Leadership Academy Graduate

Civic & Community Service

- Champions for Children, Board of Directors, 2021
- Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Young Professional Advisor Network, 2020-present
- Gus A. Stavros Institute, Volunteer, 2014-present
- St. Petersburg College Student Government Association,
 - President, 2016-17
 - Baccalaureate Representative, 2015-16
- St. Petersburg College Presidential Search Committee, Member, 2016-17
- Collegiate Honors College Research Board of Directors, Executive Board Member, 2016-2017
- Presidential Scholars Leadership & Advisory Committee for Tallahassee & Washington, D.C., Member, 2015-2017