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Andrea Olsen-Leyden

ASSOCIATE

EXPERIENCE

With nearly a decade of experience handling complex litigation, Andrea Olsen-Leyden focuses her practice on counseling and defending businesses in the retail and hospitality industries in matters including premises liability, personal injury, negligent security, and other civil matters. Andrea partners with shopping center owners and developers, national and multinational retailers, hotel and resort brands, restaurant operators and fitness facilities facing litigation and risk-related challenges. She combines strong litigation experience with a practical understanding of the business considerations that drive decision-making in customer-facing industries.

Before joining the firm, Andrea managed multi-jurisdictional litigation matters for *Fortune* 500 companies across the consumer products, automotive and insurance sectors. Her experience includes developing litigation strategy, drafting dispositive and pretrial motions, preparing legal memoranda, and supporting multimillion-dollar trials through all stages of case preparation.

Most recently, Andrea served as a staff attorney with the Esperanza Center of Catholic Charities of Baltimore, where she used her English-Spanish bilingual skills to advocate for unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable immigrants. She represented clients before federal immigration agencies and courts, conducted case assessments, prepared petitions and asylum applications, and guided clients through complex legal processes. This experience further strengthened her ability to communicate effectively, build trust and advocate for clients facing challenging circumstances.

Andrea approaches every matter with careful preparation, responsiveness, and a commitment to delivering practical solutions tailored to her clients' goals.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Maryland *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2022-2027

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

EDUCATION

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D., 2015
 - Environmental Law Certificate
 - Latinx Law Student Association, Board Member
 - Environmental Law Society
 - IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Conference, Speaker
 - Florida Gulf Coast University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2010
 - National Political Science Honor Society Award
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Maryland Hispanic Bar Association
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Equal Justice Award, 2022
 - Coffee and Paws, Volunteer, 2024 – present
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LANGUAGES

- Spanish