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Overview

Named one of Houston's 2017 "[Top Women in Law](#)" by The National Diversity Council, Alejandra C. Salinas represents both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of commercial litigation. Since joining Susman Godfrey in late 2016, Salinas has been a part of several significant matters, working alongside some of the most senior partners in the firm on precedent-setting legal matters.

In early 2017, Salinas worked alongside Managing Partner, Neal Manne, and Partner Lexie White representing indigent plaintiffs pro bono in this first-ever trial challenging the practice of denying meaningful bail to low-risk poor arrestees. Along with Civil Rights Corps and the Texas Fair Defense Project, Salinas' work helped secure a sweeping ruling from a Houston federal judge, who struck down Harris County, Texas' bail system, which locks up 40 percent of all misdemeanor arrestees until they go to trial or plead guilty because they cannot afford bail. The decision focused national attention on the countrywide practice of jailing poor people because they are unable to afford bail when arrested for minor offenses and has been covered by national outlets such as [The New York Times](#), [The Houston Chronicle](#), and [Lawdragon](#).

Also in 2017, Salinas was part of a three person trial team to win a \$2.3 million jury verdict for Internet Marketing Company, WickFire, in [WickFire LLC v. TriMax Media LLC et al.](#) The jury awarded the full requested amount in damages, while rejecting a \$22 million counterclaim filed against WickFire by defendant, TriMax. In this matter, Salinas took the lead on the direct examination of Wickfire's damages expert addressing both of plaintiff's damages and the counterclaim damages. In her first court appearance ever, one Susman Godfrey Partner is quoted as saying "[Alejandra knocked it out of the park.](#)"

Salinas joined Susman Godfrey after clerking for Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Just before her clerkship, Salinas addressed 20,000 delegates on the final night of the Democratic National Convention in 2012 in a nationally televised speech. Salinas is also the former National President of the College Democrats of America, the official youth outreach arm of the Democratic Party. She is the first Hispanic president in the organization's 80-year history.

Salinas has appeared on various state and national media outlets including USA Today, MTV, NBC, CNN, Politico, [Lawdragon](#), [Teen Vogue](#), Univision, Telemundo, NPR, [Houston Chronicle](#), [San Antonio Express](#), and [Los Angeles Times](#). She has also traveled to U.S. embassies around the world on behalf of the U.S. State Department to speak about the Latino community and national political parties.

Education

Boston College Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2015)

The University of Texas at Austin (B.B.A., Management, 2012)

Clerkship

Law Clerk to the Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2015-2016

Articles

"Cleaning Up The Colonias: Municipal Annexation and the Texas Fracking Boom," 42 Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review 163 (2015)

Honors and Recognitions

Named a [Future Leader - LGBT + Equality](#) by Chambers USA, 2019

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