



## **Magda Montiel Davis, Esq.**

### **LEGAL EDUCATION**

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida

Juris Doctor, 1977.

### **UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

B.A., English 1974; *Magna Cum Laude*; University of Miami Honor Scholarship.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2011 – Present	Montiel Davis & Fonte, P.L., Of Counsel
January 1979 – 2011	Montiel Davis & Fonte, P.A. Miami, Florida Attorney/Senior Partner of Immigration Law firm.
November 1977 – December 1978	White, Martinez and Diner. Miami, Florida. Associate Immigration Attorney.
Summer 1976	Department of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service (now C.I.S) Miami, Florida. Legal Intern.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

1986-1994	Founder and Chairperson of South Florida Chapter's American Immigration Lawyers Association's Pro Bono Project.
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1986-1994 Member of the Florida Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

1977 – Present Member of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA)

1986 – 1987 President of South Florida Chapter of AILA

Frequent writer and lecturer for the Florida Bar and the American Immigration Lawyers Association

Speaker for the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom and the American Association of University Women.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Selected by colleagues for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America, 1994-2011 Editions and Florida's Best Lawyers in 2013.

Was the first recipient of the American Immigration Lawyers Association National Pro Bono Award.

Recognition from Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. for significant contributions to the community through the creation of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association Pro Bono Project, 1989.

Recognition by the Dade County Association of Retarded Citizens for providing pro bono representation in this area.

American Association of University Women, The Phoenix Honor Women Who Are Role Models, 1993

The University of Miami School of Law, Forum for Women and the Law, Women Who Make a Difference, 1993 Honoree.

### **POLITICAL**

1992 Democratic nominee for U.S. Congress, 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Endorsed by the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Organization for Women (NOW), National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), Voters for Choice and the Women's Campaign Fund.

Also endorsed by the AFL-CIO, the National Education Association (NEA), The American Association of Retired Persons, The National Council for Senior Citizens and Business and Professional Women.

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Spanish and English

### **PERSONAL**

Born in Cuba, February 28, 1953. Married to Ira J. Kurzban, five children (Kathryn, Paula, Maggie, Sadie and Ben); and 6 grandchildren.