

Catherine Walker
Attorney

Catherine Walker is an immigration attorney with a passion for navigating complex immigration matters. Currently based in Miami, Florida, Catherine specializes in removal defense for noncitizens with criminal convictions and immigration-related federal litigation.

Catherine graduated magna cum laude from American University Washington College of Law. She was awarded the prestigious Public Interest Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship and recognized with the Peter M. Cicchino Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Public Interest. During law school, she served as a student attorney with the International Human Rights Clinic, representing clients before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and filing Federal Tort Claims Acts on behalf of families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Her career has also included roles with non-profit organizations, where she developed expertise in advising on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and collaborating with public defenders to secure favorable outcomes for clients. Catherine is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese, enabling her to serve diverse clientele effectively.

Admitted to the Maryland and Florida bars, Catherine is known for her meticulous case preparation, strategic advocacy, and commitment to achieving the best outcomes for her clients.

Education

- J.D., Washington College of Law, *magna cum laude*
- B.A., Smith College, *magna cum laude*

Admissions/Memberships

- State Bar of Maryland
- State Bar of Florida
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

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Accolades

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* 2027 for work in Immigration Law.
- AILA 2026 Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award
- American University Order of the Coif Honor Society, Washington College of Law
- Recipient of Public Interest Public Service (PIPS) Full Scholarship, Washington College of Law
- Peter M. Cicchino Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Public Interest
- First Group Scholar, Smith College
- Phi Beta Kappa Society

Professional Activities

2026-2027 South Florida American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Committee

- Litigation and Collective Advocacy Committee
- ICE/ERO Liaison Committee
- Vice Chair, LGBTQ+ Committee

Selected Publications, Presentations, and Media Appearances

- Haitian businessman Dimitri Vorbe has been locked up for over 300 days. He's not alone, Catherine Walker Quoted in the *Miami Herald,* August 4, 2026
- "What Restaurant Owners Need to Know about Immigrant Workers in 2025," El Restaurante Magazine, April 15, 2025.
- Human Right's Clinic of Miami Annual Symposium, Speaker, 2024
- Where fates are decided: Miami's immigration courts are microcosm of South Florida, Miami Herald

Languages

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Fluent)
- Portuguese (Proficient)
- Haitian Creole (Elementary)