

# Judge Tarlika Nunez-Navarro

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Former Judge · Dean & Professor of Law · Legal Analyst

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## BIOGRAPHY

The Honorable Tarlika Nunez-Navarro brings a credential no other legal analyst can claim: she has argued every side of the courtroom. As a criminal defense attorney, a prosecutor, and a Circuit Court Judge — appointed by both Senator Rick Scott and Governor Ron DeSantis — she has lived the law at every level.

Now Dean and Professor of Law at St. Thomas University College of Law — the first alumna to serve as Dean — she has dramatically elevated the school's national standing. Under her leadership, bar passage rates rose to 88.8%, enrollment has doubled, and the school climbed 13 spots in U.S. News & World Report's 'Best Schools' rankings.

A nationally recognized legal commentator, she is known for translating complex legal proceedings into clear, compelling analysis for general audiences — without ever losing the weight of what the law actually means.

88.8%

Bar Passage Rate

2×

Enrollment Growth

13↑

U.S. News Rankings

1st

Alumna Dean

## CAREER

- **Dean & Professor of Law**  
St. Thomas University College of Law · First alumna to serve as Dean
- **Circuit Court Judge**  
Ninth & Seventeenth Judicial Circuits, Florida · First Colombian-American on the bench
- **Assistant State Attorney**  
Broward County · Prosecuted first-degree misdemeanors through life felonies
- **Criminal Defense Attorney**  
Private practice focused on criminal defense
- **Adjunct Professor**  
FAMU School of Law · Advanced Trial Litigation

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Jurist of the Year — Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida (2023)
- Inspiring Leaders in Educational Sector (2025)
- Jurist of the Month — Broward County Hispanic Bar Association (2021)
- Champion — Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Drug Court Program
- Hispanic Women of Distinction — Latina Style Magazine
- Florida Bar Mental Health & Wellness Committee Member
- Marquis Who's Who in America — Excellence in Legal Service & Education
- Elected to Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

## MEDIA CONTACT & SOCIAL

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## EXPERT COMMENTARY TOPICS

### ■ ■ High-Profile Criminal Trials

Live trial analysis, verdict reactions, sentencing implications

### ■ Law Enforcement & Police Policy

Use of force, accountability, civil rights implications

### ■ ■ ■ ■ Judicial Process

How courts work, arraignments, bail, plea deals, appeals

### ■ Breaking Legal News

Real-time expert analysis of developing criminal and civil stories

### ■ Supreme Court & Constitutional Law

Landmark decisions, constitutional challenges, judicial philosophy

### ■ Criminal Procedure & Evidence

Search and seizure, Miranda rights, admissibility questions

### ■ Legal Education & Reform

Law school policy, bar passage, diversity in the profession

### ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Domestic Violence & Family Court

Protective orders, family law, child welfare, drug court

## ONE-LINER (FOR CHYRONS & INTROS)

*"Former Circuit Court Judge, Dean of St. Thomas University College of Law,  
and nationally recognized legal analyst."*

## 50-WORD BIO (FOR SHOW PRODUCERS)

Judge Tarlika Nunez-Navarro is the Dean and Professor of Law at St. Thomas University College of Law, a former Florida Circuit Court Judge, prosecutor, and criminal defense attorney. Appointed to the bench by Governor Ron DeSantis, she was the first Colombian-American judge on Florida's Ninth and Seventeenth Circuits. She is a regular legal analyst on NewsNation, Court TV, and ABC News.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

**Available For:** Live segments · Taped interviews · Panel discussions · Recurring commentary

**Format:** In-studio (Miami / South Florida) · Remote via satellite or video call · Phone

**Turnaround:** Available for same-day bookings on breaking news · 24-hour notice preferred

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## AUTHOR

**Believe** — *Children's book encouraging resilience and inclusion*

Inspires children who feel like outsiders — drawn from Dean Navarro's own experience as the only Hispanic student in her elementary school.