



**Nadeen Abou-Hossa**  
*Associate*

Nadeen's practice is focused on commercial litigation and appellate law. She provides litigation support at all stages of trial court proceedings and representation in both civil appeals and mandamus proceedings.

Prior to joining GCAK, Nadeen worked as a briefing attorney and staff attorney for Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez at the Fourth Court of Appeals. Her duties included advising the justices regarding resolutions of complex issues within appeals and original proceedings.

Nadeen was recently recognized as a Rising Star Honoree by the State Bar of Texas' Texas Minority Counsel Program. She participated in the 2020 Hispanic National Bar Association Latina Leadership Academy and is a graduate of the 2022 Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation's LEAD Academy, which focuses on helping women excel in their law practices. She is currently on the Board of Directors for both the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association and the Bexar County Women's Bar Association.

Nadeen is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's School of Law and founder of the Organizational Moot Court team, which focuses on sharpening the appellate advocacy skills of diverse students. In 2022, her students competed in the National Black Law Student Association Moot Court Competition, Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition, and the National Latino/a Law Student Association Moot Court Competition. She also coaches students preparing for the bar exam through St. Mary's Raise the Bar program.

Nadeen received her Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's School of Law in 2020. She graduated *Cum Laude* and was inducted into St. Mary's distinguished John M. Harlan Society, an honorary organization that recognizes students who have excelled academically and graduated in the top 10% of their class. Upon graduation, she received St. Mary's Presidential Award and was inducted into the National Order of the Barristers.

While in law school, Nadeen interned for the Honorable Ignacio Torteya, III, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. She was a staff writer and Managing Executive Editor for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*. She authored a published comment on a First Amendment issue related to a Texas bill. She won the Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition, the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, and was recognized for writing the best appellate briefs at numerous competitions.

Nadeen received her undergraduate degree in Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic from the University of Texas at Austin, where she spent a capstone year studying Arabic in Morocco.

#### **Membership and Service:**

- San Antonio Young Lawyers Association
  - 2022 - Present: Board of Directors
- Bexar County Women's Bar Association
  - 2022 - Present: Board of Directors
  - 2022 - Present: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
  - Founded "Books + Belonging" Book Club

- 2022 graduate of the LEAD Academy
- St. Mary's University School of Law
  - 2021 - Present: Adjunct Professor - Moot Court Coach for the Organizational Moot Court Team
  - 2022 - Present: Adjunct Professor - Raise the Bar Instructor
  - 2020 - Present: Member of the GOLD Council
  - 2020 - Present: Mentor in Mentor Circles Program
- Hispanic National Bar Association
  - 2020: Graduate of the Latina Leadership Academy
  - 2020 - Present: Coach in the HNBA Moot Court Competition
- The Appellate Project
  - 2022 - Present: Mentor
- American Bar Association Judicial Intern Opportunity Program
  - 2020 - Present: Alumni, Interviewer
- International Law Students Association
  - 2020 - Present: Judge
- San Antonio Bar Association
  - 2020 - Present: Member of Appellate Section
- William S. Sessions American Inn of Court
  - 2022: Leader of Group
  - 2020 - Present: Member

#### **Awards and Recognitions:**

- Texas Minority Counsel Program - Rising Star Honoree (2022)
- Scene in SA - Rising Star Lawyer (2022)
- Scene in SA - Outstanding Women in Appellate Law (2021)
- St. Mary's School of Law - Presidential Award (2020)
- National Order of the Barristers (2020)
- Speaker on Judicial Clerkship Panel at St. Mary's University School of Law (2020)
- Speaker on Authenticity in the Workplace Panel at St. Mary's University School of Law (2021)
- Speaker on Research in the Professional Life Panel at St. Mary's University School of Law (2022)
- Speaker on Color of Justice Panel for the National Association of Women Judges, hosted at the Young Women's Leadership Academy (2021)
- Speaker at the Lawtina Summit (2022)
- Provided mock appellate argument to the Young Women's Leadership Academy at the Fourth Court of Appeals (2022)

#### **Publications:**

- Hidden Cause, Visible Effect: Understanding the Supreme Court's Shadow Docket, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION APPELLATE ISSUE, Winter 2022.
- Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez & Nadeen Abou-Hossa, Fourth Court Update: The Governor's Duty to Appoint a Justice in the Event of a Vacancy, S.A. LAWYER MAGAZINE (2021).
- Religious Refusals: The Consequences of *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* on Texas' Adoption Bill, 22 THE SCHOLAR 265 (2020).

#### **Professional Background:**

Nadeen was previously a briefing attorney and then staff attorney for the Honorable Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez. She was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2020 and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

#### **Education:**

Nadeen graduated *Cum Laude* from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2020. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2017, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic.

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