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Overview

SaDella focuses on complex civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Her work entails drafting pivotal motions, briefs and pleadings, managing extensive discovery processes, and coordinating with clients and witnesses to ensure effective case preparation.

By aligning legal strategies with client objectives, SaDella delivers impactful outcomes while supporting the firm's mission of providing innovative legal solutions.

SaDella earned her law degree from DePaul University College of Law, where she graduated *summa cum laude* and received a Certificate in Business Law. SaDella also worked at a legal center that provided services and support for refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors and victims of human trafficking and domestic violence. In 2021, she was included in the American Bar Association's 2021 Pro Bono Honor Roll.

SaDella's legal experience includes complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution, primarily serving clients in regulated industries as well as large institutions. She has handled a broad range of business conflicts, including contract and partnership disputes, regulatory investigations and matters involving government inquiries. Her work includes preparing witnesses, guiding them through legal strategy, procedural expectations and effective communication under pressure. SaDella's practice also reflects a deep engagement with high-stakes commercial matters, where she advises clients navigating internal investigations and sensitive interviews. She regularly responds to subpoenas, drafts motions, pleadings and written discovery, and contributes to case strategy and trial preparation with precision and clarity. With a sharp understanding of both legal nuance and business priorities, she delivers tailored solutions that support long-term client goals and helps them navigate legal challenges with clarity and confidence.

Before attending law school, she worked as a retail HR, sales and general manager, and also owned and operated a multi-state real estate business. At her former employer, SaDella gained experience in internal investigations and was part of a state-wide Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) audit. These roles allowed her to develop strong leadership, negotiation and conflict resolution skills, along with firsthand experience navigating complex regulatory and contractual issues-skills that continue to shape her approach to the law.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- DePaul University College of Law, 2023, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Order of the Barristers
  - President, Student Bar Association
  - Editor of Articles, Notes and Comments, *DePaul Law Review*
  - Best Oral Advocate, MWBLSA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition (2022)
  - Secretary, DePaul Law Moot Court Society
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Awards:
    - Advanced Legal Research
    - Business Organizations
- University of Arizona, 2010, B.A., English Literature

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Northern District of Illinois

News & Insights

- Benesch Attorneys Mark Silberman, Ryan Levitt, Johanes Maliza, SaDella Duval D'Adrian and Meghan Golden Published in IICLE Federal Criminal Practice 2026
  July 1, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- A Survey of Recent Enforcement Actions, Trends & Priorities
  February 28, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Supreme Court to Weigh in on Scope of Federal Bribery Statute
  January 17, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights

- SaDella Duval D'Adrian and Meghan Golden mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  December 20, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Introduces Latest Class of Associates in Chicago Office
  November 30, 2023 | Press Releases