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OVERVIEW

Mallory Cooney is an associate in the Investigations, Enforcement, and White Collar practice group. She focuses her practice on government investigations, regulatory enforcement actions, internal investigations, and complex litigation matters at the trial and appellate level.

Mallory represents individuals, investment advisers, broker-dealers, public companies, and financial institutions before various state and federal regulators and enforcement authorities. These include the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Mallory advises and represents individuals, public companies, and various entities in complex litigation matters before federal and state courts throughout the United States. Mallory takes key roles in many components of civil litigation, such as authoring pleadings and motions, drafting and reviewing discovery, taking and defending depositions, facilitating settlement negotiations and mediations, and advocating for clients in the courtroom.

Mallory is committed to service, and is actively involved in pro bono engagements, including advocating for victims of human trafficking, drafting amicus briefs in death penalty appeals across the country and with the United States Supreme Court, and serving on the Management Committee overseeing the Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project, a global K&L Gates pro bono project providing legal services to victims of nonconsensual pornography (i.e., “revenge porn”) when their sexually explicit images are distributed and displayed online without consent. Mallory has also been named the Associate Pro Bono Coordinator for the K&L Gates Miami office, and utilizes her position to increase pro bono involvement amongst her colleagues.

Mallory has been selected to the 2022 and 2023 Miami Super Lawyers Rising Star lists and the Miami-Dade Bar's 2023 40 under 40. She is an officer of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, serves annually on the Planning Committee for the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade's Raise the Bar event, and is the Associate Chair of the Miami office's Women in the Profession Committee.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Mallory served as a legal intern at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Criminal Division, in Manhattan, and as a clinical intern in a felony trial bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Mallory was a summer associate in the Miami office of K&L Gates in 2015.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected, "40 under 40," Miami Dade Bar Young Lawyers Section
- Selected to the Florida Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2022, 2023)
- 2022 NAWL Rising Award - National Association of Women Lawyers
- 2022 Judge Amy Karan President's Award - Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- 2020 Leaders in the Law Honoree - Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- 2020 Lynn Futch Rising Star Award - Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Phi Beta Kappa
- National Merit Scholar

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (MDFAWL)
 - Secretary (2023–present)
 - Member of the Board of Directors (2021–23)
 - Chair of the Public Relations Committee (2019–present)
- National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)
 - Advocacy Committee (2023–present)
 - Annual Meeting Host Committee (2023)
- Women's Fund of Miami-Dade, Raise the Bar Planning Committee (2018–present)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, *SFFA v. Harvard*: The Future of Race-Conscious Admissions and DEI Initiatives, National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) Annual Meeting, 20 July 2023

- Speaker, “Crisis Management: Cyber incident Response,” South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA), 19 May 2021

EDUCATION

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 2016 (*Review of Law and Social Change, Staff Development Editor*)
- B.A., University of Florida, 2013 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Florida
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

LANGUAGES

- American Sign Language

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 30 June 2023, Practical Takeaways for Employers from the Supreme Court Affirmative Action Decision
- 11 November 2020, Congratulations to Our Diverse and Women Lawyers
- 6 March 2019, Employment Issues Facing South Florida Manufacturers in 2019
- 20 February 2019, Legal Tropics: Changes to Judgment Enforcement in Florida
- 17 October 2016, Predictive Scheduling: An Expanding Trend Impacting the Food Service, Hospitality, and Retail Industries

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Hollywood Has Shined a Spotlight on Sexual Harassment: Now What?” *Daily Business Review*, 13 November 2017

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments

AREAS OF FOCUS

- White Collar Defense and Investigations
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- Employment Disputes and Investigations
- Securities Enforcement / Financial Regulatory Enforcement

EMERGING ISSUES

- Social Media Law