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City Year Miami Board Member Bio



KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE

State Attorney

Miami-Dade County, 11th Judicial Circuit

Shortly after her legal studies in England at the University of Cambridge, Ms. Fernandez Rundle became a prosecutor with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. After several promotions through the different divisions within the office, she became legal counsel to the Dade County Grand Jury, serving longer than any other previous counsel. In 1993 she was appointed, and subsequently re-elected five times, to serve as State Attorney. By doing so, Ms. Fernandez Rundle became the first female Hispanic State Attorney in the State of Florida.

She also served as the first and only Hispanic female on the State Constitutional Revision Council. Ms. Fernandez Rundle's passion and interest in public service is in large part due to the inspiration of her father, Dr. Carlos Benito Fernandez, Miami's first Hispanic Judge and a founder of the Cuban American Bar Association; the largest Hispanic legal organization of which Ms. Fernandez Rundle was elected president in 1993. She also helped write and pass the Florida Punishment Code.

In 2008 Ms. Fernandez Rundle ran unopposed to win her fifth term as State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami-Dade County.