

Hon. Monica Gordo
Judge, Third District Court of Appeal

Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Judge Monica Gordo to the Third District Court of Appeal on April 25, 2019. Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Gordo served as a Circuit Court Judge for over 8 years presiding in the Criminal, Civil and Family trial court divisions. Judge Gordo also served as Associate Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court Appellate Division in Miami-Dade County.

Judge Gordo is a member of the Education Committee of the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges and has taught judicial education courses on criminal sentencing enhancements and mitigation, career criminal designation, Florida corporate business entities and injunctions, receiverships and family rules of procedure relating to default judgments.

Prior to her service on the bench, Judge Gordo served as an Assistant State Attorney for over 11 years where she was a Division Chief responsible for supervising a felony division and investigating, indicting and seeking justice in homicide cases. While at the State Attorney's Office, she also served as a senior member of the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and Gang Strike Force Unit. Judge Gordo served on the Board of Directors for the Cuban American Bar Association and the League of Prosecutors.

Judge Gordo is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Miami School of Law teaching trial skills. Throughout her career as an Assistant State Attorney and Judge she has been actively involved in mentoring students and has sat as a volunteer for moot court competitions and mock trials for both Florida International University and the University of Miami School of Law. For the past four years she has presided over the mock trial final for homeschooled students throughout Miami-Dade County to assist homeschooled children develop a basic understanding of our court system.

Judge Gordo received her Juris Doctorate Degree cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law and is a member of the University's Iron Arrow Honor Society. She currently serves as a member of the Law School Alumni Board of Directors. Judge Gordo received her Bachelor of Business Administration and graduated with honors from the University of Miami School of Business.

Judge Gordo resides in Coral Gables with her husband, Albert, to whom she has been married for 19 years, and they have two sons—Jacob, 17, and Julian, 11.