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Chelsea Fitzgerald is an associate in the Affordable Housing and Community Development practice areas of Longwell Riess.

Chelsea represents developers, lenders, and nonprofit organizations in a wide range of corporate and commercial real estate transactions, including tax credit financings for the development of affordable housing, restoration of historic buildings, and business development in low-income communities.

Chelsea previously served as a public service fellow at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in New Orleans representing low-income clients with housing legal issues, including defending clients in eviction proceedings, preserving clients' subsidized housing, advocating for clients' rights, and mediating landlord tenant conflicts.



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Education

- Vanderbilt University School of Law, 2016
- Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law, Managing Editor
- Moot Court Board, Associate Justice
- Vanderbilt Bar Association, Class Representative
- University of Florida, B. A. in Political Science and Spanish, magna cum laude, 2012

Languages

- Spanish

Bar Admissions

- Tennessee, 2018
- Louisiana, 2016

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Real Property Trusts & Estates Fellow in Affordable Housing, 2021-2023
- New Orleans Bar Association, Member
- Louisiana Bankers Association, Bank Counsel Section, Member
- Louisiana Land Title Association, Member

Professional & Community Associations

- Tulane Law School, Real Estate Contracts, Guest Lecturer
- New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), Member
- Forbes Under 30 Global Women's Summit, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), Member
- Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), Louisiana chapter, Member
- Rebuilding Together New Orleans, Board of Directors
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, Fundraising Advisory Board Member

Honors & Awards

- Louisiana Super Lawyers, Rising Stars list (2022-2023)
- Scholastic Excellence Award- Intellectual Property Survey, Vanderbilt University Law School, 2014
- First Place at the Phi Delta Phi Annual Chili Cook-Off, Vanderbilt University Law School, 2015

Presentations & Publications

Presentations

- ABA RPTE eCLE, “Updated ALTA Forms: What’s New,” June 30, 2021
- 33rd Annual RPTE Virtual National Conference, “Updated ALTA Forms: What’s New,” April 21, 2021

Publications

- When Tech Startups Outgrow the 1099 Model: Moving Firms Out of the Kiddie Pool, 18 Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. 3Shareholders’ Failed Business Judgment Rule Challenge in Merger, Louisiana Bar Journal, August/September 2021