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Related Practice Areas

- Antisemitism and Anti-Terrorism
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Constitutional Law
- Government, Congressional and Corporate Investigations
- Political Law
- State Attorneys General

Lindsey Lazopoulos Friedman

Partner

Lindsey Lazopoulos Friedman is a Partner at Holtzman Vogel, where she focuses on government investigations, white-collar criminal defense, and complex litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Lindsey served as Chief in the Major Crimes Section of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida, where she was an Assistant United States Attorney from 2018 to 2025. During her tenure, she tried 13 cases to verdict and resolved over 100 criminal cases, with trial experience spanning healthcare fraud, money laundering, drug importation, arms and ivory smuggling, and related offenses. She served in the National Security Section, Economic and Environmental Crimes Section, Major Crimes Section, and Appellate Division, prosecuting cases ranging from gang violence and terrorism to artifact smuggling and CARES Act fraud. She holds an active Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information Clearance and has extensive experience in counterintelligence, counterterrorism investigation, and cyber-crimes prosecution.

In 2021, the Council of Inspectors General honored Lindsey with the Investigation Award of Excellence for prosecuting thieves who stole millions worth of respiratory ventilators allocated for shipment abroad as part of a U.S.-led humanitarian effort during the pandemic. Her team recovered the entire shipment using cutting-edge search techniques, and the Council featured her case as an example of excellence in a Report to Congress and the Office of the U.S. President.

Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, Lindsey practiced complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense and labor law at a Florida litigation firm and a national AmLaw 100 firm. She also served as a law clerk to U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Alex Kozinski and Southern District of Florida U.S. District Judge Robert N. Scola.

Education

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
 - Iron Arrow Honor Society Member
 - Leadership-through-Service Award Recipient
 - Roger Sorino Award Recipient
 - Dean Scholarship Recipient
 - Merit Scholarship Recipient
 - Society of Bar & Gavel Member
 - George Kastrenakes Scholastic Award Recipient
 - Student Bar Association President
 - University of Miami Inter-Club Council Presiding Officer
 - Office of Admissions Student Ambassador
 - WVUM Radio Co-Host Weekly News and Current Events Show

- *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*
- Columbia College at Columbia University, B.A., American History
 - King's Crown Indelible Mark Leadership Award Recipient
 - Hellenic University Club Scholarship Recipient
 - Christermon Foundation Scholarship Recipient
 - Columbia College Student Body Vice-President

Bar & Court Admissions

- The Florida Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court (Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, District of South Carolina, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York)

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Assistant U.S. Attorney and Supervisor, U.S. Attorneys Office for the Southern District of Florida
- Law Clerk, Honorable Robert N. Scola, Jr. at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Law Clerk, Chief Judge Alex Kozinski at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

News & Insights

- What Judicial Benches Does DeSantis Have to Fill in His Last Year as Florida's Governor?
- Holtzman Vogel Expands Miami Office with Former Southern District of Florida Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsey Lazopoulos Friedman
- Holtzman Vogel Taps Former Assistant US Attorney for Further Growth in Miami

Community Involvement

- Florida Bar's Federal Court Practice Committee, Member
- Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Committee, Commissioner (2018-2024)
- Southern District of Florida Magistrate Merit Selection Committee, Member
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida Bench and Bar Conference, Conference Committee (2017, 2023 and 2024)
- University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association, Director (2020-2022) and Vice President (2016-2020, 2023-2024)
- Riverside House Young Professionals, Board of Directors
- The Florida Bar, Federal Court Practice Committee (2021–Present)
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- The Federalist Society, Member
- American Enterprise Institute Enterprise Club, Member
- Leadership Miami, Class of 2012
- Institute of Contemporary Art Miami, Patron Council
- Fountainhead Arts, Member
- The University of Miami School of Law Moot Court Board, Coach (2020-2023)

- Women of Tomorrow, Volunteer (2012-2020)
- Miami-Dade Animal Services, Volunteer (2008-2019)

Speaking Engagements

- "Migrant Prosecutions," United States Coast Guard Prosecutions Training Series, September 18, 2024
- "The Litigation Phase of a Typical Criminal Case," Presentation to New Assistant United States Attorneys, United States Attorney's Office, Miami, Florida, February 8, 2024
- "Target, Subject, or Witness? Pre-Litigation in Criminal Cases" Litigation Skills II, University of Miami School of Law, October 30, 2023
- "Which Side of the Table? Prosecution vs. Defense," Criminal Law Society, University of Miami School of Law, September 27, 2023
- "How to Jump-Start Your Legal Career and Improve Your Advocacy Skills as a Young Lawyer," Southern District of Florida Bench and Bar Conference, Miami, Florida, September 8, 2023
- "White Collar Crime," Austin Peahy University, Clarksville, Tennessee, November 18, 2022
- "The Federal Criminal Justice System," Barry University, Miami, Florida, October 3, 2022
- "Introduction to the Federal Criminal Justice System," Florida International University, Miami, Florida, March 23, 2022
- "Superstars in Trial," American Inns of Court Bench & Bar Conference, February 2022
- "Women & Crime," Women Professionals in the Criminal Justice System, Barry University, Miami, Florida, October 11, 2021
- "Practicing Law for the Federal Government," The Federal Bar Association, Miami, Florida, February 13, 2020
- "Trends in Art Crime," Federal Bar Association, Art Law and Litigation Conference, New York, New York, February 6, 2020
- "Is Litigation for You?" The Federal Bar Association University of Miami Student Division, Miami, Florida, October 9, 2018

Publications

- "Pandemic Shutdown Puts Spotlight on Art Crime in the United States," *Daily Business Review*, June 1, 2020
- "Ruling by Court Fits Legal & Political Pattern of Favoring Property Rights of Original Owners of Antiquities," *The Southern District of Florida Blog*, July 26, 2018
- "Sotheby's Pursues Unprecedented Legal Strategy for Ancient Bronze Horse," *Daily Business Review*, June 26, 2018
- "Striking a Balance Between the Paramount Importance of the Safety of Children and Constitutionally-Imposed Limits of State Power," *71 U. Miami L. Rev.* 1037 (2017)
- "ISIS's Get Rich Quick Scheme: Sell the World's Cultural Heritage on the Black Market—Purchasers of ISIS Looted Syrian Artifacts Are Not Criminally Liable Under the NSPA and the McClain Doctrine in the Eleventh Circuit," *70 U. Miami L. Rev.* 1068 (2016)
- Co-author with Wesley Van Camp, "Pitfalls of the Food Safety Modernization Act: Enhanced Regulation, Minimal Consumer Benefit, and Zero Tolerance Levels for Naturally-Occurring Trace Pathogens," *48 U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev.* 13 (2016)

Awards & Recognition

- *Florida Trend* "Legal Elite" Recipient, Top Government Attorneys (2022)
- Cystic Fibrosis "40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers" (2018)