

Katherine Fernandez Rundle  
State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Katherine Fernandez Rundle was appointed State Attorney for Miami-Dade County in 1993. She has subsequently been re-elected seven times to serve as State Attorney. The State Attorney began her successful legal career as an undergraduate student at the University of Miami. She concluded her studies at the University of Cambridge in England wherein she received both a post graduate degree and law degree.

State Attorney Fernandez Rundle prides herself in being a career crime fighter. She has dedicated herself to every cause imaginable in her relentless commitment to keep our streets safe. She is recognized as a pioneer in the creation of numerous programs dealing with issues that affect our community daily such as domestic violence, gun violence, child support, human trafficking, and victim's rights. Ms. Fernandez Rundle is often considered a prosecutorial innovator involved in the development of many ground-breaking accomplishments including Florida's first Domestic Violence Unit, Dade's nationally recognized "Drug Court" program and Veteran's Treatment Court, Juvenile Civil Citation Program, Gun Violence Reduction Initiative, protecting the rights of children with her strict Child Support Program, bringing to the community services such as her 'Second Chance' Program to seal criminal records and crime prevention assistance via her Community Outreach Division, and her efforts to pioneer the fight against the sex trafficking of our children.

Her Human Trafficking Task Force is a cooperative multi-agency law enforcement effort focusing on the arrest and prosecution of those individuals who prey on our children while creating and finding ways to save and rehabilitate the victimized and traumatized victims. The Task Force has been operational since 2012 and as of November 2018, is housed in a new stand-alone building dedicated to human trafficking investigations and services. The building was specifically designed by State Attorney Fernandez Rundle for human trafficking efforts with the goal to create a single doorway focusing on community coordination of resources located in one site. In 2014, then Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi appointed State Attorney Fernandez Rundle to serve on the Statewide Human Trafficking Council. State Attorney Fernandez Rundle has actively collaborated and partnered with various organizations to help create programs which will give survivors of human trafficking access to health care, mental health services, and housing (such as Project Phoenix and The Thrive Clinic).

State Attorney Fernandez Rundle believes in sharing her time, influence, and resources with her community that she is passionate about. She is a founding member and Vice-President of Women of Tomorrow and is also very active in benevolent organizations such as Amigos for Kids, 5000 Role Models, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), The Children's Trust and numerous others. She is also a charter member of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, a national group formed to address the issue of gun violence in the United States.