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Sulema Medrano Novak is a litigation partner at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Sulema is an accomplished and award-winning trial lawyer with extensive experience leading trial teams to verdict, particularly in cases related to commercial disputes and insurance claims. Sulema honed her courtroom skills as an Illinois state prosecutor and is known for defending corporate clients in complex contract and consumer disputes. In addition to representing clients in commercial litigation, she is an active advocate for women and diverse members of the legal community.

Sulema recently served as the Chair of the Hispanic National Bar Association's Latina Commission. Sulema is also the former Regional President for the Hispanic National Bar Association and former Board of Director for the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois. Sulema has served as a volunteer coach for the Chicago Kent Trial Advocacy Team and Chicago Kent's Hispanic Law Student Association. Currently, Sulema serves as an Executive Board Member for the Latino Leadership Council.

Sulema has been recognized as a top lawyer under 40 by the Chicago Law Bulletin and the Hispanic National Bar Association. She has also been recognized as Chicago Kent College of Law's Young Alumna of the Year 2019; one of the Lawyers of Color's Nations Best for 2019; a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers; and Who's Who in Hispanic Chicago by Negocios Now. Sulema received the 2018 Latina Lawyer of the Year Award from the Hispanic Lawyers of Illinois.

Sulema graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Art from James Madison Honors College at Michigan State University and received her juris doctrine from Chicago Kent College of Law.