

Chicoya Smith

Chicoya Smith is an attorney at Ortale Kelley, where she focuses her practice on community association law and complex civil disputes across Tennessee. She regularly represents homeowners' associations and boards of directors in covenant enforcement, collections, governing document amendments, and litigation strategy.

Beyond her legal practice, Chicoya is deeply engaged in leadership and board service, with a strong commitment to community-centered advocacy. She serves in multiple leadership roles across local and statewide organizations and is a Past President of the Napier-Looby Bar Association. During her tenure, she expanded mentorship initiatives, strengthened partnerships with law schools, and launched the Annual Public Interest Brunch, which raises funds to support law students pursuing public interest careers. She has also served on advisory boards and leadership councils focused on professional development, diversity in the legal profession, and civic engagement. Her work reflects a service-oriented approach prioritizing access, collaboration, and sustainable impact within both the legal community and the broader public.

Chicoya is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class of 2025 and the Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum Class of 2025. She has been named to the National Bar Association's 40 Under 40, recognizing her professional excellence and community impact. As a first-generation college graduate and the only lawyer in her family, Chicoya's work is grounded in access, excellence, and intentional leadership. She is passionate about empowering boards, mentoring young attorneys, and creating spaces where professionalism and purpose intersect.