



Growing up in Miami as the granddaughter of Cuban refugees who worked 14-hour days to build their American dream, Brenda Baddam knew early on that she wanted to pursue law. She realized that dream early on in her career when in law school she was selected to partake in the Sonia and Celina Sotomayor judicial scholarship program and the Pro Bono Scholars program. She served as the president of the Latin American Law Students Association and the editor in chief of the Government Law Review.

After graduation from Albany Law School, Brenda began her journey as a prosecutor for the Albany County District Attorney's Office. After a few years prosecuting cases ranging in subject areas from drug offenses to domestic violence, she transitioned to private practice where she focused on health care and commercial litigation. Staying true to her calling, Brenda returned to public service in 2020 as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Attorney General's Office. Within the litigation bureau, she focuses on constitutional violations alleged by incarcerated individuals against agents of New York State.

Brenda's true passion lies in advocating for the Latinx and minority communities in the Capital Region. She frequently presents continuing legal education seminars on topics such as language diversity, and movement lawyering. She serves as a Board Member of the Capital Region Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Northeastern New York YWCA and Albany's Government Law Center. Working with non-profit organizations such as Capital District Latinos and Citizens Action, Brenda has pushed for local governments to provide COVID related health documents in patient's native language and in June of 2020, Brenda was responsible for the drafting an ordinance and resolution in the Albany City Council that mandated the Albany Police Department and neighboring departments to provide translation services to those that are not proficient in the English language. Her work has led to meaningful change in the Hispanic community and she hopes to continue to disrupt the status quo .