

## Senate Confirms Podhurst Orseck Miami Partner for Federal Bench

Roy Kalman Altman, partner at Podhurst Orseck in Miami, is soon to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, following a 66-33 vote in the U.S. Senate Thursday.

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Roy Kalman Altman testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee during his confirmation hearing to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Photo: Diego M. Radzinski/ALM

The U.S. Senate cleared Podhurst Orseck partner **Roy Kalman Altman**'s path to the Southern District of Florida bench Thursday, voting 66-33 to confirm his nomination.

Altman specializes in aviation litigation, often representing the families of plane crash victims from his Miami office.

President Donald Trump originally scouted Altman for the post in April 2018, but his nomination expired before lawmakers could vote. Trump renominated Altman in January.

The confirmation came after Republican senators voted Wednesday to cut debate time for Trump's nominees — a move some have dubbed "the nuclear option."

Altman served six years as assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida, winning more than 30 federal cases and arguing before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. As deputy chief of the special prosecutions division, he worked on human trafficking, child exploitation and violent crime cases.

Altman also oversaw a project aimed at reducing violent crime in Overtown, Liberty City, Little Haiti and Miami Gardens in tandem with Miami-Dade community leaders and law enforcement.

The Federal Bar Association has presented Altman its Top Young Lawyer Award, while the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police has named him federal prosecutor of the year.

Altman is admitted to Florida and New York state and federal bars. He holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a law degree from Yale Law School.

Podhurst Orseck's founding partner [Aaron Podhurst](#) said he was proud of Altman.

"Roy exemplifies what we all aspire to be at our firm — a talented legal professional with an excellent work ethic, integrity and morals, and an unmatched intellect that has earned him success in the courtroom along with recognition from his peers, clients and community," Podhurst said. "All these qualities are what is needed for the federal bench, and we're confident that Roy will be a great asset to the community."