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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Hogan Lovells US LLP

August 2019 – Present

Associate | Research legal questions, draft persuasive arguments, catalog and review discovery documents. Participate on complex arbitration disputes in both English and Spanish, in diverse industries like construction and telecommunications, among others.

Rodriguez Tramont & Núñez, P.A.

January – June 2019

Law Clerk | Draft motions, research relevant case law, prepare summaries of legal arguments and assist in preparation of court proceedings. Attend client meetings, hearings, and depositions with the attorneys.

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP

November 2017 – December 2018

Law Clerk | Prepared immigration petition packages, including O-1, Blanket L, H-1B, etc. Reviewed client files and drafted supporting documents. Translated documents and letters from Spanish to English and vice versa.

Honorable Maria M. Korvick, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Summer 2017

Intern | Reviewed petitions and motions. Assisted Judge with daily motions, courtroom proceedings, and pretrial conferences.

Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton P.A.

Summer 2017

Law Clerk (Summer Law Clerk Program) | Drafted litigation documents; prepared supporting documents, including memoranda of law, for state court litigation matters. Translated contracts and other documents from Spanish to English and vice versa.

EDUCATION

Florida International University College of Law – Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2019

GPA: 3.30 (*Top 25%*)

Honors: Dean's List (*all semesters*)

CALI Award of Excellence: Legal Skills and Values III, Spring 2018 | Seminar: Separation of Powers, Fall 2018

Outstanding Advocate Award

Cuban American Bar Foundation Scholar

Awards: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition: U.S. South Regional

- 2019 Top 10 Oralist Award
- 2019 Top 5 Memorial Award
- 2019 Regional Semi-Finalist Award
- 2018 Top 10 Oralist Award
- 2018 Regional Runner-up Award (advanced to the 2018 International Rounds)

International Commercial Arbitration Competition, Moot Madrid (*briefs and oral arguments entirely in Spanish*)

- 2018 Albert H. Kritzer Award: Second Prize for Respondent's Memorandum
- 2018 Honorable Mention for Claimant's Memorandum

FIU College of Law 15th Annual Moot Court Competition

- Oral Advocacy Champion
- Runner-Up Appellee's Brief

Activities: Appellate Advocacy Team | *Member*

International Arbitration Team | *Member*

Hispanic Law Students Association | *2018-19 President*

Student Bar Association | *2017-18 Vice-President; 2016-17 1L Representative*

Cuban American Bar Association | *2017-18 Public Relations Committee Chair*

Florida International University – Bachelor of Arts in English, *summa cum laude*, 2015

GPA: 3.90

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

Dean's List (*all semesters*)

Transfer Academic Achievement Scholarship

Miami Dade College – Associate of Arts, *with Highest Honors*, 2013

GPA: 3.81

Honors: Dean's List (*all semesters*)

University of Havana, Cuba – Matriculated for two years; earned credits towards Bachelor of Arts in Art History, 2008–10

GPA: 4.89/5.00

Honors: Dean's List equivalent (*all semesters*)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS | Fluent writing, speaking, and reading in Spanish. Enjoy running and traveling.