

ODETTE PONCE

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EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

Juris Doctor, May 2022

Honors: Dean's Merit Scholarship

Activities: Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board

Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA

Master of Public Health, May 2016

Concentrations: Health Law, Bioethics, & Human Rights; Global Health

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology, December 2013

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Attended August 2010 - August 2012

Honors: The Posse Foundation Leadership Scholarship (2010-2012)

EXPERIENCE

Akerman, LLP., Miami, FL

Associate, Sept. 2022 – Present

As an Associate in the Litigation Practice Group, I focus my practice on matters related to products liability, motor vehicle liability, and premises liability. I also advise Cuba Practice clients on U.S. trade sanctions compliance, licensing and enforcement matters involving the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Bowman and Brooke, LLP., Coral Gables, FL

Law Clerk, Sept. 2021 – May 2022; *Summer Associate*, June 2021 – Aug. 2021

Conducted legal research and prepared internal memoranda on various topics within the field of products liability, motor vehicle liability, premises liability, Florida and Federal civil procedure, evidence, and discovery. Assisted attorneys in drafting settlement agreements, pretrial and discovery motions, and client correspondence.

Community Equity, Innovation, and Resource Lab, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

Steven Chaykin Fellow, Aug. 2020 – June 2021; *Senior Intern*, May – Aug. 2020; *Spring 1L Intern*, Jan. – May 2020

Conducted interdisciplinary research, and collaborated with community groups, organizations, and government agencies to provide policy research and technical assistance to low-income communities in Greater Miami.

New England International Donors, Boston, MA

Senior Program Associate, Sept. 2018 – July 2019; *Program Associate*, Mar. 2017 – Sept. 2018

Implemented 50 events a year for donors interested in learning and giving in international philanthropy. Responsibilities included membership recruitment, communications strategy, program development, and financial management.

IZUMI Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts

Program Associate, July 2016 – Mar. 2017; *Program Assistant*, Oct. 2015 – July 2016

Provided programmatic support for the philanthropic arm of the Shinnyo-en Buddhist Order of Japan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Memberships: Cuban American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

Languages: Fluent in Spanish.

Interests: International law; International arbitration; Litigation; Trial advocacy; Legal ethics; Cuba, law, and policy.

Non-academic: Rock climbing and Flamenco.