

I was born in Venezuela to a Jordanian-Muslim father and an Ecuadorian-Catholic mother, such diversity made my childhood an adventure full of unique challenges that shaped me. The early experiences of my life required courage and endurance, and formed the basis of my character, self, and passion for the law and justice.

At the tender age of twelve I arrived to the Middle East; already at a disadvantage because I did not speak the local language; I only spoke and understood Spanish. Not knowing my father, his family, the language, culture and religion was intimidating. This was the beginning of a journey that without a doubt taught me that the strongest steel is forged in the hottest fires. I took all these obstacles as trials to be overcome.

Driven by my goals and the eager to learn and become independent, at the age of seventeen I knew that Jordan was no longer going to be my station in this world. Without support to my decision, I had no choice except to save every penny I came across to use for my emancipation. The endeavor I was undertaking was going to be difficult; however, I was determined to succeed. With this mindset and the experience, I had gained, I was more than prepared for the encounters and the circumstances that life, in her fickleness, throws our way.

My aspirations led me to the United States a country not my own. With barely five hundred dollars to my name, I boarded a plane to Miami, Florida. Adapting was not a burden; instead, it was an easy transition, the vast cultural diversity of the city meant, it was an excellent location for me. On my arrival, I began working and enrolled in school. Halfway through my education I became pregnant with my first child; additionally, my husband received orders to deploy to Iraq. Even though, this should have flustered and rattled me, it did neither.

In 2012, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. In school I made the Dean's list several times, I was admitted to the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, received The President's Volunteer Service Award and the Florida International University Excellence in Civic Engagement award. Eager to

positively influence and give back to the city that opened its doors for me, I served the homeless and mentored our community's most vulnerable children.

I have an immense joy and gratitude, because life allowed me to be exposed to the real world from an early age requiring me to mature at a fast pace and teaching me the value everything and everyone in life. Today, you see an individual possessing a wealth of culture, diversity, and most importantly knowledge of strength. A wife, a mother of two children, a woman of resolve and unflappable disposition, one understanding that difficulties can be overcome with faith, self-determination and hard work.

Advocating and helping others is what I was born to do. One of my goals is to empower and enable everyone around me to achieve their full: educational, economic, and social potential. To achieve this goal an opportunity to education and legal guidance is necessary.

Currently, I'm a second-year law student at the Western Michigan University Cooley law school. Ever since I joined the American Bar Association (ABA), I have benefited from all of the tools and information they offer to law students. In fact, it has been a factor to my success as a student.

I whole-heartedly believe in the good work that the ABA does in trying to form professional and ethical lawyers and that is why I'm seeking election for the Delegate of Programming position to help further the ABA's mission and goals from a leadership position.

If given the opportunity to be part of this organization I look forward to serving my peers and advancing issues of importance for our future lawyers with dedication and heart.

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EDUCATION

Florida International University Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Honors: Alpha Phi Sigma	Miami, FL <i>Aug. 2012</i>
WMU Thomas M. Cooley Law School J.D. Candidate Honors: Dean's List - Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019	Tampa, FL <i>Dec. 2021</i>

EXPERIENCE

LexisNexis® <i>Student Representative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Working closely with students, faculty and librarians in the use of Lexis AdvanceConducting trainings and product demonstrations to students and table various eventsAssisting Lexis Research Attorney with training events and table days	Tampa, FL <i>2019 – Present</i>
Miami Dade County Finance Department <i>Finance Shared Services Clerk</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed hard copy files and converted records into electronic documentsProcessed invoices accordingly using different software systemsSupported several county departments with invoice processing and program inquiries	Miami, FL <i>2012 – 2015</i>
Miami Dade County Election Department <i>Election Support Specialist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed a wide variety of duties and activities related to the administration of elections, processing and analyzing voter's dataConducted recruitment activities, interviews, evaluations, and training of new employeesProvided technical support at the different early voting precincts	Doral, FL <i>2010 – 2015</i>
Passion Growers <i>Human Resources Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provided administrative support, entering, formatting, and printing informationAssisted in payroll preparation by providing relevant data (Time sheets & leave requests)Responsible for handling documentation, reports related to personnel activities (staffing, recruiting, training, and performance evaluations) and updating personnel records	Doral, FL <i>2007 – 2009</i>
Everglades Correctional Institution <i>Mentor - Internships</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provided general vocational, academic, social, and personal counseling to inmatesAssisted in developing a strong foundation of skills to succeed in their post-release planResponsible for preparing educational presentations for inmates (e.g. speakers)	Miami, FL <i>Aug. – Dec. 2011</i>
City of Hialeah Department of Parks and Recreation <i>Coordinator Assistance - Internships</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted interviews of participants to explain the function and goals of the programFollowed up with probation officers and provided legal reports for court purposesOrganized field trips and activities which promoted awareness of crime & violence	Hialeah, FL <i>2012</i>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law School Affiliates: Liaison (January 2020 – Present) | Florida Hispanic Bar Association (January 2020 – Present) | Florida Association for Women Lawyers (September 2019 – Present) | Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers (Fall 2019 – Present) | American Bar Association (May 2018 – Present) | Big Brother Big Sisters of Miami (September 2011-February 2014)