

Marthy Hernandez

Statement of Interest

WSBA Indian Law Section

Position: At-Large Member

I am interested in serving on the Executive Committee of the Indian Law Section because as a new attorney, I am enthusiastic about deepening my involvement in Indian law and fostering connections with fellow practitioners who share a passion for this field.

Throughout my first year of practice, I have been fortunate enough to engage in complex litigation involving federally protected treaty rights. These experiences have not only fueled my passion for Indian law but have also underscored the importance of continuous learning and collaboration. I am eager to further expand my knowledge and skills in this field, and I believe that serving on the Executive Committee would provide an invaluable opportunity to do so.

Moreover, I am committed to giving back to the legal community and contributing my time and energy to an essential section of the Washington State Bar. I am enthusiastic about working with fellow committee members to further the goals of the Indian Law Section. I aim to provide a fresh perspective and a dedicated commitment to this role.

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## EDUCATION

### **Gonzaga University School of Law**

Spokane, WA

*Juris Doctor*, May 2022

- Gonzaga Law in Action: Nogales, Sonora, Mexico
- Latino/a Law Student Association- President
- Multicultural Law Caucus- Community Liaison
- Center of Civil and Human Rights Summer Grant Recipient
- Spokane County Bar Association Carl Maxey Scholarship, Recipient

### **University of Washington**

Seattle, WA

*Bachelor of Arts, Spanish and Political Science*, May 2019

- Minors: Law Society and Justice, International Studies in Latin America
- Gates Millennium Scholar (Full-tuition merit scholarship)
- Costco Diversity Scholar
- College Assistance Migrant Program, Member
- Northwest Cadiz Program- Full immersion study abroad program, 6 months in Spain

## EXPERIENCE

### **Stokes Lawrence Velikanje Moore & Shore**

Yakima, WA

*Litigation Associate Attorney*, May 2023– Present

- Assist in the preparation of pleadings, motions, and other legal documents for cases involving American Indian law and employment, and business disputes.
- Conduct legal research to support litigation strategies and case development.
- Prepare legal memoranda summarizing key issues and case law for internal use and client communication.

### **Undergraduate Multicultural Education Center, Gonzaga**

Spokane, WA

*Graduate Mentor Assistant*, August 2020– May 2022

- Directly assisted the Programming Director for Mentoring with a specific focus on the Act Six and BRIDGE students.
- Create a comprehensive syllabus and co-taught a leadership class.
- Led mentoring meeting, cadre meetings, and individual 1:1's while establishing strong relationships with Act Six Students and Bridge Students.

### **Child Youth Advocacy Program- Northwest Immigrant Right's Project**

Seattle, WA

*Summer Intern*, June 2021– August 2021

- Prepared Adjustment of Status Applications (I-485), Employment Authorization Applications (I-765), Request's for Fee Waiver (I-912), and Application for Asylum (I-589)
- Prepared motions and other court documents for Petitions for Vulnerable Youth Guardianship and Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Participated in a DACA Clinic and successfully prepared DACA renewal applications
- Maintained communication and client relationships with youth and unaccompanied children whose primary language was Spanish.
- Conducted client interviews with the purpose of preparing declarations

### **Tribal/Public Interest Law Clinic- Gonzaga**

Spokane, WA

*Legal Intern*, January 2021– May 2021

- Assisting clients in managing cases within the Kalispel Tribal court. This includes civil, criminal and family matters.

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- Wrote and revised legal documents, including client letters, court filings, research memo's etc.
- Responsible for 5-10 cases, this includes monitoring, maintaining client communication, acted as a representative in all court proceedings, etc.
- Co-wrote a Petition for Review to the Washington State Supreme Court on the matter of *Alex May v. Spokane County*

### **1L Facebook Diversity Fellowship- Lee & Hayes, PC**

Spokane, WA

*Summer Intern*, May 2020– September 2020

- Assisted in trademark and copyright cases conducting legal research, responded to office action memos, drafted demand letters and statements of work etc.
- Wrote and revised legal documents for attorneys, including client letters, court filings, etc. including translating "Cease and Desist" letters for international clients
- Prepared and presented research on the Cannabis industry as it relates to Intellectual Property
- Sat in on team meeting with Facebooks In-house corporate counsel to gain exposure to various business law-related matters

### **SKILLS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Fluent in Spanish (includes reading, writing, speaking, and translating)
- 2024 LSAC Plus Program at Heritage, Director
- Latino Bar Association of Washington, Member
- Washington Women Lawyers- Yakima Chapter, President-Elect
- Women of Color Education Fund, Selection Committee
- Yakima County Bar Association, Member
- WSBA Indian Law Section, Member
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Member