

Mirian Chavez

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EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Juris Doctor, May 2019

Managing Editor, Southwestern Journal of International Law, 2018-2019; *Co-President*, Tax Law Society, 2018-2019;

Research Assistant, Clinical Professor Julia Vazquez, 2019

California State University, Long Beach, California

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Business Economics (double major), May 2014

Public Relations Officer, Criminal Justice Student Association, 2011-2014

EXPERIENCE

Misa, Stefen, Koller & Ward, Westminster, CA

Associate, June 2025 – Present

Represent insurance companies and self-insured employers in workers' compensation matters from inception to claim resolution.

Gale, Sutow & Associates, Cypress, CA

Associate, February 2024 – Present

Experienced in defending cases-in-chief and asbestos claims on behalf of employers, insurers, and TPAs. Skilled in case handling, including settlement negotiations, drafting reports, pleadings and settlement documents, lien resolution, and appearances before the WCAB.

Law Office of Crystal Hayes Hill, Long Beach, CA

Associate / Law Clerk, June 2021 – December 2023

Responsible for all aspects of family law cases including discovery, communicating with clients and opposing counsel, engaging in settlement discussions, court appearances, drafting settlement agreements and trial briefs. Drafting motions for probate and trust cases (moving and opposition) and assisting in trial preparation.

Removal Defense Clinic, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, January 2019 – May 2019

Conducted case management, researched country conditions, prepared asylum applications and SIJS applications.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic

Volunteer / Site Coordinator, 2017 and 2018 Tax Season

Managed free tax preparation clinics for low-to-moderate income taxpayers. Reviewed tax returns before submission to the IRS and Franchise Tax Board.

Community Lawyering Clinic, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, September 2018 – December 2018

Conducted case management, researched country conditions, prepared asylum applications and SIJS applications.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office – Juvenile Office, Compton, California

Law Clerk, June 2018 – August 2018

Performed legal research, wrote memoranda and observed juvenile hearing and trial proceedings. Prepared motions, memos and collaborated in legal strategy.

Street Law Clinic, Southwestern Law School, Glendale, California

Instructor, January 2018 – May 2018

Prepared and taught interactive weekly lesson plans to at-risk youth high school students in law-related critical life skills.

LANGUAGE SKILLS – Spanish (Fluent)