



2022-2023

Yearbook



In Loving Memory of
Dean José Bahamonde-González

MEET THE E-BOARD



Mercedes Subhani

President (2L)

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Data Privacy; Cybersecurity & Intellectual Property

Email: msubhani@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Union, NJ

Advice to 1Ls: Be confident in yourself! You got accepted into UMD for a reason!

Fun-fact: I have been to 31 states & 24 countries



Diana Marcela Morales

VP (2L)

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Criminal & Public Interest

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Hometown: Miami, FL

Advice to 1Ls: Manage your time wisely & make time for yourself

Fun-fact: I am part of the Criminal Law Association E-Board & I can play three instruments



Leo Gomez Ballesteros

Secretary (2L)

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Data Privacy; Cybersecurity & Intellectual Property

Email: jlgomezballesteros@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Bucaramanga, Colombia

Advice to 1Ls: Believe in yourself!

Fun-fact: My favorite color is green



Rafael Moreno

Treasurer (2L)

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Intellectual Property; Data Privacy & Immigration Law

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Hometown: Silver Spring, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Stay true to yourself

Fun-fact: I studied at the Universidad de Habana in Cuba for 5 months

MEET THE 1L REPRESENTATIVES



Samiah Bansal

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Business Law & Intellectual Property

Email: samiahbansal@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Kissimmee, FL

Advice to 1Ls: Do not be afraid to reach out for help or ask questions to professors, upperclassmen, etc.

Fun-fact: I have my master's in politics & public policy!



Jadeite Javier

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Public Interest (Immigration / Criminal)

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Hometown: New York

Advice to 1Ls: You'll get a lot of advice from people, but you need to find what works best for you

Fun-fact: My younger sibling & I have a 17 year age-gap



Cesar Nava

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Public Interest & Crim Law

Email: cesarnava@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Germantown, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Have fun! If you're not having fun, what's the point?

Fun-fact: I consistently average 90k-100k minutes of music listened to on my Spotify Wrapped

MEET OUR MEMBERS



Luis Beltran

3L

Expected Graduation Year: 2023

Legal Field of Interest: Health; Immigration; Cyber Security & Cybercrime

Email: lbeltran@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Baltimore, MD; grew up in Acworth, GA

Advice to 1Ls: Set aside time for yourself

Fun-fact: I have been running a Dungeons and Dragons game with friends since October of 2019



Andres Castillo

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Corporate & Real Estate Law

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Hometown: Mt. Laurel, NJ

Advice to 1Ls: Dream big, work hard, & stay humble

Fun-fact: I hosted a cooking show in my kitchen in front of a live audience



Violeta Curial

3L

Expected Graduation Year: 2023

Legal Field of Interest: Still trying to figure it out

Email: vacuriel@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Advice to 1Ls: Your law school experience is uniquely yours; don't compare yourself to others

Fun-fact: I have eight wonderfully unique & smart siblings who taught me a lot & motivate me



Katerine Delgado Licona

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Immigration; Criminal; ADR

Email: kdelgadolicona@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Germantown, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Prioritize self-care & never forget why you came to law school!

Fun-fact: I have never been to a concert before!



Daniela Eppler

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: International & Healthcare Law

Email: deppler@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Don't stress

Fun-fact: I play & coach for the Mexican National Women's Lacrosse team



Adrienne Fernandez

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Public Interest

Email: adrienne.fernandez@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Miami, FL

Advice to 1Ls: Don't spread yourself too thin!

Fun-fact: I went to high school with the king of Tibet!



Jordyn Alexa Garcia

1L

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Criminal Defense

Email: jordyngarcia@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Silver Spring, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Everyone is not smarter than you! You will do just fine.

Fun-fact: I have never read Harry Potter!



J. Salvador Icaza

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Health Care

Email: jsicaza@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Solomons Island, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Make time for self care every day

Fun-fact: I love to fish & crab



Bianca Iorga Romocian

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Business

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Hometown: Oradea, Romania

Advice to 1Ls: Don't be afraid to ask questions & send out emails for any type of information

Fun-fact: Romanian is a Latin based language, very similar to Italian, Spanish & Portuguese



Will Jacobs-Perez

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Criminal Defense

Email: wjacobs-perez@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Highland Park, New Jersey

Advice to 1Ls: Take advantage of the LLSA outline bank

Fun-fact: I represented a client in front of the Maryland Parole Commission



Melissa La Motta

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2025

Legal Field of Interest: Healthcare

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Hometown: New Jersey

Advice to 1Ls: Keep up on readings, surround yourself with good friends, & take it one day at a time!

Fun-fact: Penguins are only found in the Southern Hemisphere - not in the North Pole.



Mayura Ludhani Jaisinghani

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Human Rights

Email: mludhanijaisinghani@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Advice to 1Ls: Trust that you are doing the best you can, & do not compare yourself to others

Fun-fact: I have visited over 20 countries



Dominique Mendez

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Cyber Security; Data Privacy & International Law

Email: dmendez@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Advice to 1Ls: Take everything, especially assignments, one step at a time

Fun-fact: I love to travel! I have visited sixteen countries & three continents



Sonny A. Moretta

3L

Expected Graduation Year: 2023

Legal Field of Interest: Government & Public Interest

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Hometown: Dayton, Ohio

Advice to 1Ls: Be confident in yourself & your abilities!

Fun-fact: I'm 25 & I still cannot whistle.



Alex Ramos

3L

Expected Graduation Year: 2023

Legal Field of Interest: Securities; Contracts & International law

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Hometown: Orlando, FL

Advice to 1Ls: Don't be scared to reach out to people

Fun-fact: I interviewed Kamala Harris on Latin American immigration.



Gabriella M. Robles Werner

2L

Expected Graduation Year: 2024

Legal Field of Interest: Environmental; Food; Intellectual Property & Public Health

Email: gwerner@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Potomac, MD

Advice to 1Ls: Try your best & don't compare yourself to others

Fun-fact: I backpacked through Europe in 2019!



Camila Thorpe

Evening Student

Expected Graduation Year: 2023

Legal Field of Interest: IP/White Collar Defense & Investigations

Email: camilathorpe@umaryland.edu

Hometown: Colombia

Advice to 1Ls: Ask lots of questions!

Fun-fact: I love to travel! I have visited sixteen countries & three continents

NON-FEATURED LLSA MEMBERS

EXPECTED GRADUATION—2023

Karla Alvarado
Sergio Ballon
Maria-Gracia Beltran
Sebastian Burnham
Brenda Garcia
Maria Giraldo Neusa
Isabel Innes
Meredith Johnston
Amaya Phillips
Rob Velazquez
Victoria Roman

EXPECTED GRADUATION—2024

George Alarcon
Elizabeth Alfonso
Aaron Clemmer
Juan de la Cruz
Marissa George
Ngheen Guiv
Isabella Henry
Luis Hidalgo
Vivian Martinez
Dominique Mendez
Collin Morgan
Camila Reynolds-Dominique
Marina Sullivan
Maya Vazquez

EXPECTED GRADUATION—2025

Anthony Gonzalez
Alexsandra Tamayo
Alyssandra Negvesky
Brynn Drury
Brandon Hernandez
Brandon Miller
Braden Shuck
Erin Stephenson
Halla McDermon
Jordyn Garcia
Melissa Sobrepera
Sophia Pintar
Yael Handari-Levy

2022 JBG IMPACTO AWARDS



2022 JBG *mpacto* Award Recipients—Katrin Hussmann Schroll ('09), Wandaly Fernández García ('14)



Pictured: Rafael Moreno, Mercedes Subhani, Katrin Hussmann Schroll ('09), Wandaly Fernández García ('14), Diana Marcela Morales, Leo Gomez Ballesteros

2022 JBG IMPACTO AWARDS



Pictured: Leo Gomez Ballesteros, Cesar Nava, Mercedes Subhani, Samiah Bansal, Diana Marcela Morales, Jadeite Javier, Rafael Moreno



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Pictured: Dean Hutchins

2022 JBG IMPACTO AWARDS



Pictured: Jordyn Garcia, Cesar Nava, Alexandra Tamayo

MIXER WITH GORDON FEINBLATT, SAUL EWING, & THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE'S LALSA



Pictured: Brandon Hernandez, Cesar Nava, Mercedes Subhani, Alex Motanio (alumna), Karen Yaesikell (UB student)

29TH MARYLAND HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION GALA



Pictured: Gabriella M. Robles Werner, Jadeite Javier, Samiah Bansal, Cesar Nava, Diana Marcela Morales, Mercedes Subhani, Luis Beltran, Maria Gracia Beltran, Mayura Ludhani Jaisinghani

UMB GRAD SCHOOL LATINX MIXER



Featured: Students from UMB's Schools of Law, Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, & Social Work

MARYLAND CAREY LAW'S 2023 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



Pictured: Mercedes Subhani, Alex Motanio (alumna)



Pictured: Cesar Nava



Pictured: Alexandra Tamayo (first recipient of the newly founded JBG Scholarship)

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Pictured: Andres Castillo



Pictured: Will Jacobs-Perez



Pictured: Cesar Nava, Mercedes Subhani, Rafael Moreno

LLSA'S FIRST MOOT COURT COMPETITION



Pictured: Diana Marcela Morales, Mercedes Subhani, Rafael Moreno, Leo Gomez Ballesteros



Erick Marquina ('21)

Coach

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**Congratulations to
Rafael and
Mercedes for placing
fourth**

LLSA'S FIRST SERVICE TRIP TO PUERTO RICO IN CONJUNCTION WITH UB'S LALSA



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THANK YOU

LLSA's E-Board would like to thank everyone who supported us this year. We would like to give a special thank you to:

- **Professor Gabriela Kahrl** who stepped up as LLSA's faculty advisor after the tragic passing of Dean José & who has supported our organization.
- **Dean José** for everything he did for the local Latinx community & the Latinx students at the school. Without him, none of this would have been possible.
- **Katrin Hussmann Schroll ('09), Wandaly Fernández Garcia ('14)**, this year's JBG Impacto Award recipients, for continuing their efforts to support the Latinx community, & inspiring our members.
- **Erick Marquina ('21)** for volunteering to coach LLSA's first ever Moot Court team & supporting students through his mentorship.
- **McGuire Woods, Gordon Feinblatt, & Saul Ewing** for their sponsorship & the events they hosted for students.
- **The Maryland Hispanic Bar Association** for welcoming students to their annual gala.
- **The University of Baltimore's Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA)** for their partnership & aid in planning our first ever joint service trip to Puerto Rico.
- **Dean Hutchins** who has facilitated LLSA's goals through her commitment to diversity.
- **LLSA's Alums** for their continuing support in our alum/student mentorship program.
- **LLSA's Current members** for their dedication, feedback, & friendship.



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LATINX LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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