

EDUCATION

Master of Laws, Environmental Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR

Honors and Activities: Leadership Award Tuition Remission, Research Assistant– Pacific Salmon Law/Policy.

Juris Doctor, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN

Honors and Activities: Dean's Honor Roll, Justice Thurgood Marshall Memorial Scholarship, Robert Harris Atkins Environmental Law Scholarship, MN Justice Foundation pro bono service - *Minnesota Senate Environment, Energy and Jobs Finance Committee* - renewable energy policy analysis.

Master of Arts, Geography and Environmental Studies, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

Honors and Activities: Gamma Theta Upsilon International Honor Society, Graduate Merit Tuition Waiver, National Hispanic Scholarship, Graduate Teaching Assistant – World Geography.

Bachelor of Science, Natural Resource Recreation Planning and Management, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana

Honors: Charles K. Brightbill Award as the Outstanding Senior in the Department of Leisure Studies, Dean's List, Illinois General Assembly Scholarship.

LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chair, Thurston County (Olympia, WA) Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Section: 2019-20.
- Co-Chair, Ramsey County (St. Paul, MN) Bar Association Diversity Committee: 2006-08.
- President/Founder, Highland Park Conservation Society, Highland Park, IL: 1987-89. Organized and led coalition that protected and restored 35 acres of high-quality natural areas, including wetlands, prairie, and oak savanna. Represented Society before legislative and administrative boards, and the media.

TRAINING and CERTIFICATIONS

- White House Climate Leaders Workshop, Presidential Personnel Office: 2015-16.
- Fellow, Center for American Progress Leadership Institute: 2014-15.
- Certificate: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Hamline University Dispute Resolution Institute. 2007.
- Graduated from MN DNR Supervisor School (2006), and Management Development Academy (2003).

AFFILIATIONS

- Washington State Bar Association (attorney # 43852), Thurston County Bar Association.
- National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Latino Bar Association of Washington.
- Northwest Indian Bar Association, Environmental Law Institute.

AWARDS

- US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water Bronze Medal, National Ocean Policy: 2013.
- US Department of Agriculture Secretary's Honor Award for Excellence: 2011; 2012.
- Golden Rule Award for community service from JC Penney: 1991.
- Outstanding Volunteer Stewardship Award from the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy: 1991.

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