

# Paula González

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**Bar Admissions:** Washington State Bar, 2001, Bar No. 31404  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

## EDUCATION

**University of Washington School of Law**, Seattle, WA. Juris Doctor, June 2000.

**Pomona College**, Claremont, CA. Bachelor of Arts in Politics, May 1995.

**Fundación Ortega y Gasset**, Toledo, Spain. Study Abroad Program, Spring 1994.

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Pomona College Alumni Board, June 2019-present
- American Immigration Lawyer's Association, 2005-present

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Attorney. Law Office of Paula Gonzalez.**  
**Chula Vista, CA, 2004- Present**

Provide legal advice and representation in the areas of Immigration and Nationality Law. Practice focus on Family immigration and Removal Defense. Represent clients on matters involving: family based petitions, adjustment of status, naturalizations, waivers, consular processing, Asylum, DACA, VAWA and U non-immigrant visas. Represent clients in front of Immigration Court at bond hearings and removal proceedings. Represent clients in appellate proceedings in the Administrative Appeals Office of U.S.C.I.S., Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit Court. Train, manage and supervise staff. Mentor and manage law school interns. Retained by Pomona College to do individual consultations with DACA and undocumented students and be on call with G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance, should students be detained by DHS.

**Contract Attorney.**  
**Seattle, WA & San Diego, CA, 2001-2004**

Represented Clients in Immigration Court at bond and master calendar hearings, Adjustment of Status and Naturalization Interviews. Researched variety of immigration issues. Wrote memoranda of law and briefs to be submitted to BIA, Ninth Circuit Court and U.S. District Court. Worked on immigrant and non-immigrant visa petitions, employment and family based adjustments, labor certifications, asylum cases, naturalization applications, and consular visa processing. Interviewed and counseled clients on immigration matters.

**Intern, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.**  
**University of Washington School of Law Legal Clinic, Seattle, WA**  
**January 1999- June 1999**

Successfully represented client at individual merits hearing in Immigration Court along with supervisor and other clinic student. Interviewed client, identified and obtained expert witnesses, prepared documentary evidence, declarations and pre-hearing statement.

**Volunteer, Immigrant Family Advocacy Project.  
University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA  
Volunteer, Fall 1997-Spring 1999**

Prepared I-360 VAWA Self-petitions. Conducted interviews and translated interviews, declarations, letters, and official documents from Spanish to English.

**Research Assistant to Professor Joan Fitzpatrick, University of Washington School of Law  
Fall 1998**

**Public Policy Intern, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, Los Angeles, CA  
Fall 1993**

## **EDUCATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor and Counselor, Upward Bound Program.  
Washington D.C., Summer 1997**

One of three counselors in charge of 14 Los Angeles high school students at a summer residential academic program at Georgetown University. Researched, prepared and taught a six-week United States History Course. Supervised and coordinated student activities.

**Admissions Counselor, University of Redlands.  
Redlands, CA. August 1996-June 1997**

Represented University at college fairs, college panels and high schools nationally. Reviewed college applications and made recommendations on student admissions.

**Admissions Counselor, Carleton College.  
Northfield, MN. July 1995-August 1996**

Recruited students nationally, conducted information sessions and interviews. Supervised volunteers. Organized admissions weekend for prospective multicultural students. Reviewed applications and voted on admissions committee.

**Research Assistant, Tomas Rivera Policy Institute.  
Claremont, CA, Fall 1994**

## **SELECTED PRO BONO WORK**

**Co-Coordinator of Sagehen (Pomona Alumni) Pro bono Network, Pomona College 2018-present**  
Provide legal assistance to Pomona College students, parents and alumni regarding immigration matters. Trained and taught volunteer attorneys basics of immigration law and issue-spotting in order for them to conduct intakes. Pro bono representation of Pomona College students on affirmative applications to U.S.C.I.S.

**Access, Inc. San Diego, CA**

Pro bono & low bono representation in front of U.S.C.I.S and Immigration Court for cases referred from Access Inc. 2014, 2017-2021.

### **AILA/Mexican Consulate, San Diego CA, 2018**

Volunteer AILA Attorney at Mexican Consulate. Met with Mexican nationals at the Mexican Consulate to answer legal questions one morning a month for the year 2018.

### **Know Your Rights Fair, Pomona, CA**

Volunteer legal consultations, February & October 2017.

## **HONORS**

- Pro Bono Publico Service Commendations from Washington State Bar Association for 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2014-2019.
- Grant from the Hispanic National Bar Association Immigrant Legal Defense Task Force for work on Pro Bono Removal Case. 2017
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund Law School Scholarship, 1998.
- Washington State Hispanic Bar Association Scholarship, 1997.
- Mortar Board National Community Service Honor Society, *Member*, 1994-1995.
- *Pomona College Scholar*, Awarded to students who maintain A- or above G.P.A. 1993-1994.
- *McNair Scholar*, Graduate School academic program at Claremont Graduate School, Summer 1994.
- *Government Scholar*, Mayor's Office of African American & Caribbean Affairs, New York, NY, Summer 1993.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

### Pomona College, 2015-present

Speaker at the college to students, staff & administration regarding DACA, Advanced Parole, Know Your Rights, other topics in Immigration law.

### Telemundo Channel 20, San Diego, CA, October 2017 & January 2018

Live and taped appearances. Discussed immigration law.

### Know Your Rights Resource Fair, Pomona, CA, February 25, 2017.

Speaker on U Visa and VAWA self-petition.

### The Forum on Education Abroad, Atlanta, GA, April 2016

Panel: DACAmended Students Abroad: Creating Institutional Connections to Support Student Success

California Western School of Law, Guest Speaker on U visas at class Women and Immigration Law, taught by Anne Bautista Esq. 2016, 2017, 2020

### San Diego City College, IDEAS Club, San Diego, CA, 2012

Talk on DACA, VAWA and U visas

## **LANGUAGES AND EXPERIENCE ABROAD**

Fluent in Spanish. Have lived in Nicaragua, Italy, and Spain.