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
Email: dmmorales@umaryland.edu
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)
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Legal Field of Interest: Intellectual Property; Data Privacy & Immigration Law
Email: rmoreno@umaryland.edu
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)
- **Email:** jjavier@umaryland.edu
- **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
Email: andres.castillo@umaryland.edu
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
3L
Expected Graduation Year: 2025
Legal Field of Interest: Immigration; Criminal; ADR
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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

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!

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!

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  
**Expected Graduation Year:** 2025  
**Legal Field of Interest:** Business  
**Email:** bianca.iorgaromocian@umaryland.edu  
**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

Melissa La Motta  
**Expected Graduation Year:** 2025  
**Legal Field of Interest:** Healthcare  
**Email:** mkuhta@maryland.edu  
**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.

Will Jacobs-Perez  
**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

Mayura Ludhani Jaisinghani  
**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
**Email:** apramos@umaryland.edu
**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 AWARES

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

2022 JBG IMPACTO Award Recipients—Katrin Hussmann Schroll ('09), Wandaly Fernández Garcia ('14)
Pictured: Leo Gomez Ballesteros, Cesar Nava, Mercedes Subhani, Samiah Bansal, Diana Marcela Morales, Jadeite Javier, Rafael Moreno

Pictured: Jadeite Javier, Rafael Moreno

Pictured: Dean Hutchins
2022 JBG IMPACTO AWARDS

Pictured: Jordyn Garcia, Cesar Nava, Alexsandra 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: Alexsandra Tamayo (first recipient of the newly founded JBG Scholarship)
MARYLAND CAREY LAW'S 2023 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

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

15TH ANNUAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
March 16 & 17, 2023
hosted by
The University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Official Announcement

Erick Marquina ('21)
Coach
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Congratulations to Rafael and Mercedes for placing fourth
LLSA'S FIRST SERVICE TRIP TO PUERTO RICO
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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 García (’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.