

DePaul University
Asylum & Immigration Clinic

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Marisol Gallegos is the founder of Gallegos Law LLC. She focuses her practice in the area of immigration and nationality law, including family-based immigration, humanitarian immigration, naturalization, and removal defense. She represents clients with cases before the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, and the Department of Justice. Ms. Gallegos is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) where she served on the ICE Office of Chief Counsel Committee. She is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association. Ms. Gallegos received her Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-psychology, in 2006, from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She earned her Juris Doctor degree with a certificate in International & Comparative Law from DePaul University College of Law, in Chicago, Illinois in 2009. Ms. Gallegos is admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois. Prior to founding Gallegos Law LLC., Ms. Gallegos was a co-founding partner of Law Offices of Gallegos & Brady, LLC. In law school, Ms. Gallegos was an executive board member of the Society of Asylum and Immigration Law in its founding year. In addition, she participated in DePaul University College of Law's Spring Break Border Project in Harlingen, Texas and she was enrolled in DePaul College of Law Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic focusing on affirmative asylum and U non-immigrant visas. Throughout law school, Ms. Gallegos interned for prominent Chicago non-profit organizations providing immigration services to the community.

What do you remember most about your time in the Clinic?

What I remember the most from my time in the clinic are the clients I assisted. Listening to their stories and being part of their immigration journey is what convinced me that I was on the right track in my career.

What lessons from the clinic do you still use today or have used in your professional career?

Organization. The weekly check-in I had with Professor Albiol helped me stay organized and focused while in the clinic.

How did your involvement with the clinic help you connect with other professionals in the field?

My involvement in the clinic has opened many doors and helped me make many connections. Through the clinic I have made many long-lasting friendships and it opened the doors to internships, job opportunities, and collaborations. My participation in DePaul's Asylum & Immigration Clinic was always a topic interviewers or colleagues wanted to chat about. I am so appreciative to have been elected to be part of the Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic as well as their Spring Break Border Project in Harlingen, Texas my first year in law school.

What would you tell current or future DePaul law students about the clinic?

It is an amazing experience that will bring much joy helping people in need and to take advantage of the great opportunities that will come from participating in the clinic.

Is there a message you would like to share with your fellow Clinic alums, faculty, or staff?

Thank you! I owe much of my career to the lessons learned and experiences I received from participating in the clinic.