

Valerie Gurrola

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Member of the California State Bar #324193, Admitted December 2018

California Women Lawyers, Member
Hispanic National Bar Association, Member
Latinas in the Law–San Diego, Member
San Diego County Bar Association, Member
Lawyer’s Club San Diego, Member

STUDENT SERVICES EXPERIENCE

California Western School of Law – Career & Professional Development Office - San Diego, CA

Assistant Director, Law Firms & Private Sector

April 2023 - Present

- Counsel students and alumni in their career and professional development, including reviewing resumes, cover letters, and other application materials.
- Design career development programs, handouts, and curricula for students and implement career development initiatives to strengthen students’ professional identity.
- Foster law firm and other private sector employment opportunities for students and alumni.
- Manage social media accounts and collaborate with other campus offices, such as Marketing and Student and Diversity Services.
- Organize varied programming for students and employers, such as lunch panels and career fairs.
- Serve as Chair of the Staff DEIB committee.

EDUCATION

University of San Diego - San Diego, CA

May 2022

Master of Arts in Higher Education Leadership

- Gurrola, V. (2022). The making of college student leaders: Implementing reflective practices for self-awareness of personality traits and leadership styles. *M.A. in Higher Education Leadership: Action Research Projects* (Publication No. 102). <https://digital.sandiego.edu/soles-mahel-action/102>

California Western School of Law - San Diego, CA

June 2018

Juris Doctor

San Diego State University - San Diego, CA

December 2014

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance, Minor in French

NALP INVOLVEMENT

- Attended NALP Annual Education Conference 2024 and 2023
- Attended NALP Newer Professionals’ Forum 2024
- Section Member of NALP Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Newer Professionals; and Law Student Professional Development
- Member of NALP Hispanic/Latinx Affinity Group (April 2024 – Present); and Gender Nonbinary Inclusion Workgroup (August 2023 – March 2024)

BRIEF STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am interested in getting more involved within the NALP community, especially as a newer professional to expand my network and skillset. I have experience planning events ranging from small lunches to undergraduate campus involvement fairs, law school career fairs, and formal dinner award events. I am a creative problem solver who likes to collaborate and bring ideas to fruition.