LEGAL AID CENTER of Southern Nevado

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT



Marisa Rodriguez, Board President

Marisa Rodriguez is the President of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. She began her involvement with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada while in Law School. Over the years, she has had a robust pro bono practice, including guardianships and representing abused and neglected children and has encouraged lawyers in our community to volunteer as well.

Marisa is a chief deputy city attorney for the City of North Las Vegas where she provides legal advice and counsel to various departments that service the city's residents. Her practice focuses on litigation, transactions, employment matters, ordinance drafting, and business licensing.

Prior to joining the legal team at the city, Marisa was a member in Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial's nationally recognized litigation group. Her practice focused on all phases of complex commercial litigation, premises liability, products liability, catastrophic injury, and healthcare law. After graduating from UNLV Williams S. Boyd School of Law, she served as a judicial law clerk for the late Honorable Susan Scann of the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County.

Marisa believes attorneys have a duty to help improve the legal profession and our communities. To further advance that value, she served on the Nevada Latino Bar Association (LBA) Board of Directors for seven years. Under her leadership, the LBA founded the ¡Andale! 5K, a scholarship fundraiser for aspiring attorneys from underrepresented demographics. Since its inception, the LBA has awarded approximately 150 scholarships.

Marisa was recognized as a Top Attorney Under 40 by the Hispanic National Bar Association (2019) and as Latina Attorney of the Year (2022). Marisa received the William S. Boyd School of Law Alumna of the Year award (2020) and the Nevada Latino Bar Association Inspira award (2022).

In her free time, Marisa likes to explore the beautiful Nevada outdoors. She is on a quest to run a marathon in all 50 US states (31 done, 19 to go).