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OVERVIEW

Nora Becerra is an associate in the Chicago office and represents healthcare clients in regulatory and litigation matters, including responding to governmental investigations and defending False Claims Act lawsuits. Nora has extensive litigation experience and has counseled clients across many industries, including the pharmaceutical, biometrics, manufacturing and durable medical equipment fields, and has practiced in state and district courts across the country. She has also represented clients in international arbitration proceedings and has litigated matters before the International Trade Commission.

Nora is experienced in all phases of complex litigation, including conducting internal investigations, responding to government subpoenas, pre-litigation counseling, fact and expert discovery, dispositive motion practice, trial preparation, trial, and post-trial motions. In addition to her litigation practice, Nora advises clients on healthcare regulatory matters, including those involving the Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Nora was a summer associate in the Chicago office of K&L Gates in 2014. While attending the University of Chicago Law School, she served as a judicial extern for Federal Judge Amy St. Eve at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. During said externship, Nora conducted extensive research on class action litigation and emerging trends in FRCP 23 analysis. Nora was also a student director in the Corporate Lab transactional law clinic at the University of Chicago, where she handled business matters for several Fortune 500 companies and oversaw other students' work on client matters.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Nora serves on the board of the Chicago Committee for Minorities in Large Law Firms, an organization that promotes the retention and advancement of minority attorneys. Nora is also a member of the firm's diversity and recruitment committees as well as the firm's Women in the Profession (WIP) committee.

While in law school, Nora was President of the Latino Law Students Association and instituted new programming such as the LLSA Mentoring Program which connects incoming 1Ls with legal professionals in Chicago. Nora was also selected to serve as a student facilitator for the Kapnick Leadership Initiative and helped develop and present

leadership modules to the incoming University of Chicago Law School 1L class. Upon completion of her 3L year, Nora received the Dean's Certificate of Recognition for her work with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, LAF (formerly the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago) and the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago, among other organizations.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Nora's *pro bono* experience includes:

- Representing clients in immigration and asylum proceedings
- Representing clients in Section 1983 litigation
- Representing clients in cyber civil rights actions
- Serving as a guardian *ad litem* as well as representing clients in guardianship matters

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 2015
- B.A., The University of Chicago, 2010 (*with Honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 22 February 2021, The False Claims Act and Health Care: 2020 Recoveries and 2021 Outlook (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 January 2021, White Paper: OIG Finalizes New and Revises Existing AKS Safe Harbors and Creates New CMP Law Exception (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 January 2021, OIG Finalizes New and Revises Existing AKS Safe Harbors and Creates New CMP Law Exception (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 30 December 2020, Qui Tam Quarterly (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 September 2020, COVID-19: K&L Gates Triage: COVID-19 and Social Determinants of Health -- A Closer Look at the Disparate Impact of COVID-19 on Ethnic and Racial Minorities (*Podcast*)
- 1 May 2020, COVID-19: Labs Beware! – EKRA Expands DOJ's Enforcement Arsenal in the COVID-19 Fraud Battle (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 12 June 2018, BIPA Trending: Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act Litigation Once Again On the Rise (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 March 2018, Spokeo Fails Facebook: Privacy Violation Held to Constitute Concrete Harm Under Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 September 2016, Professional Plaintiffs Beware: Courts Dismiss TCPA Claims on Standing Grounds (*BlogPost*)
- 13 July 2016, Seventh Circuit Reaffirms Stance On Sender Liability In TCPA Fax Litigation (*BlogPost*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Child Labor Related Uses of Section 337, Federal Circuit Bar Journal, Vol. 27, No. 4, Articles, October 2018
- State Class Actions: Practice and Procedure, (collaborator) Aspen Publishers, 2013 and 2014 editions

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments (*Press Release, Rankings & Recognitions*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care and FDA
- Biometric Data Compliance and Defense
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- IP Litigation