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# Mercedes de la Rosa

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## CERTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

**International Association of Privacy Professionals**, Member and CIPP/E earned on October 30, 2021.

## EXPERIENCE

**MWH Law Group LLP.**, Milwaukee, WI

*Associate Attorney*, April 2022 - present

- Employment Defense Litigation
  - Draft discovery requests, responses, and document productions for administrative, state, and federal litigation.
  - Conduct depositions and witness preparation for administrative hearings.
  - Conduct internal investigations through witness and employee fact finding interviews.
- Data Privacy
  - Prepare a post-mortem after a hostile spear phishing breach to identify key places to improve data privacy incident response plan.
  - Draft website privacy policy to be consistent with 2023 Virginia regulations.
  - Draft state survey on mandatory contract provisions for third parties in processing agreements consistent with the five state-level comprehensive consumer data protection laws.

**Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, Trial Division**, Racine, WI

*Assistant Public Defender*, May 2020-March 2022

*Intern*, Spring 2020

- Represented indigent clients with liberty risks in criminal, probate, and agency courts. Supervised interns.
  - Identified constitutional rights violations and defenses, negotiated client-centered plea deals, and managed significant caseload while guiding clients through the criminal system.
  - Won two misdemeanor trials as lead attorney.
  - Specially represented on Compassionate Release hearings and COVID sentencing modifications.
  - Mentor a team of attorneys covering guardianships to involuntary medication orders through probate litigation.

**FEMA Office of Chief Counsel, ADR Division, Ombuds**, Washington, D.C.

*Summer Extern*, Summer 2019

- Addressed workplace conflicts through policy editing, mediations, research, and organization restructuring.
- Special project for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on Federal Election Committee advisory opinions.

**Godfrey & Kahn S.C.**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Summer Associate and Fellow*, Summer 2018

- Researched memoranda, drafted contracts, and observed advising conferences for various corporate teams.

## EDUCATION

**Marquette University Law School**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Juris Doctor*, May 2020

- Lead three student organizations including Cryptocurrency and Blockchain ('19 Co-Vice President).
- Studied Abroad in Spain for Fall 2019 semester and traveled to Israel with International Conflicts March 2019.

**University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana

*Bachelor of Arts in English*, May 2017

- Supplementary Major in International Peace Studies and Minor from Saint Mary's College in Social Work.
- Studied Abroad in Ireland for Spring 2016.

## ADDITIONAL

- Milwaukee Bar Association Law and Technology Conference Board Member.
- University of Notre Dame Milwaukee Club Secretary and Women Connect Coordinator.
- Marquette University Law School Alumni Board and Diversity Board Member.
- State Bar of Wisconsin Appointee on Wisconsin Lawyer Assistance Program Committee.