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## **EDUCATION:**

### **University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL**

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2026

GPA: 3.438/4.00      Class Rank: Top 33%

Law Review: *Race and Social Justice Law Review*

Honors: Dean's Certificate of Achievement Award in Legal Communication and Research I;  
Dean's List (Fall 2023); HOPE Summer Public Interest Fellow

Activities: Criminal Law Society; Hispanic Law Students Association

### **University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in Psychology and Political Science, May 2023

GPA: 3.88/4.00

Honors: Judy Genshaft Honors College; Dean's List (6 semesters)

Activities: Co-Founder and President, Women in Pre-Law Society (Fall 2020 – Fall 2022)

## **EXPERIENCE:**

### **Miami Law Human Rights Clinic, Coral Gables, FL**

Legal Intern, Advancing Gender Justice and Health Rights Project, August 2024 – Current

- Support the development of expert testimony for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on forced sterilization of Indigenous women, analyze gaps in existing case law, and create memos on intersectional discrimination and reparations for gender-based violence claims.
- Collaborate with Planned Parenthood on advocacy efforts for reproductive rights in Florida, contribute to the Amendment 4 campaign that would protect access to abortion before viability or when medically necessary.

### **Office of the Miami-Dade Public Defender/HOPE Summer Public Interest Fellow, Miami, FL**

Intern, Children's Defense Division, Summer 2024

- Researched potential defenses, annotated depositions and body worn camera footage, observed court proceedings, assisted in trial preparation, and conducted client interviews.
- Participated in a highly competitive eight-week fellowship program that included a full-time internship with a public sector agency, a public interest law course, and a legal research and writing project.

### **The SPARK Initiative, Tampa, FL**

Lead Mentor, April 2022 – October 2022

- Instructed five 2022 Youth Leaders in the SPARK mental health curriculum, focused on reducing recidivism and risk factors that contribute to substance abuse, while promoting psychological well-being for individuals in the criminal justice system and similar environments.
- Supervised Youth Leaders' independent research projects and managed community volunteer opportunities for Youth Leaders.

Youth Leadership Program, February 2021 – May 2023

- Mentored and taught SPARK mental health curriculum to underserved communities in Hillsborough County jails, detention centers, youth residential facilities, and safe houses for human trafficking survivors.

- Co-founded Advocates for LGBTQ Equality, a website that contains resources, blog posts, and podcasts for the support and advocacy for the LGBTQ community. Managed the website and created content.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION:**

*Mental Health and Wellbeing in Youth* Presented at:

The 2021 Life 2.0 Three Principles Conference, London, United Kingdom

*The Next Generation of Well-being and Resilience in Systems of Care* Presentation at:

The 2024 National Wellbeing and Resilience Conference, Tampa, Florida