

# DANIELLE CARDONA

Full-Stack Software Developer | [LinkedIn](#) | [GitHub](#)

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Experienced attorney turned software developer with a proven ability to deliver innovative solutions to complex challenges. Passionate about leveraging technology to enhance legal services and broaden access to justice.

## SKILLS

**Languages/Frameworks:** Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, SQL, HTML, CSS, Active Record, React, Node.js

**Testing:** RSpec, TDD, WebMock, VCR, Cypress, Faker, FactoryBot

**Tools/Workflow:** Git, GitHub, Postman, Postico, Heroku, Render, npm, Agile Development

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Assistant Regional Counsel

Jan 2020 - May 2024

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office of the General Counsel (OGC) | Denver

- Provided strategic legal guidance to Indian Health Service (IHS) leaders, including Cabinet-level officials and hospital CEOs, showcasing expertise in analyzing complex systems and problem solving
- Designed and delivered in-person and virtual training programs for IHS leadership, highlighting strong communication, technical presentation, and content development skills
- Led nationwide OGC committees, managing cross-functional teams of attorneys and staff to implement a modern, cloud-based knowledge management system
- Represented HHS in litigation, leveraging critical thinking and case management skills to achieve favorable outcomes in all contested cases

### Deputy General Counsel

May 2013 - Dec 2019

Denver Public Schools (DPS) | Denver

- Advocated for DPS in hearings, appeals, and labor arbitrations, applying analytical problem-solving to resolve complex issues
- Designed and delivered over two dozen in-person and virtual training programs for hundreds of DPS employees
- Managed complex personnel investigations, coordinating the work of dozens of HR professionals

## SOFTWARE PROJECTS

### Mood Boost, Group Project | [Deployed Site](#)

[FE Repo](#) | [BE Repo](#) | *React web app with a Rails API that delivers curated content to uplift users' moods*

**Tech Stack:** Ruby on Rails, Fetch API, PostgreSQL, React, React Router, JavaScript, CSS, RSpec, Cypress

- Designed a modal with conditional rendering for login and account creation, featuring robust client-side validations
- Integrated an external API to fetch and display inspirational quotes in a responsive and dynamic user interface
- Connected the frontend to the Rails API to manage user profiles and log completed activities for personalized tracking
- Built end-to-end tests with Cypress to ensure reliable quote fetching, dynamic content updates, and seamless navigation flows

### Festify, Solo Project

[FE Repo](#) | [BE Repo](#) | *React web app with a Rails API empowering music festival administrators to manage festival schedules*

**Tech Stack:** Ruby on Rails, Fetch API, PostgreSQL, React, React Router, JavaScript, CSS, RSpec, Cypress

- Designed, implemented, and deployed RESTful API endpoints, ensuring seamless data integration with the Rails backend
- Developed a responsive interface to display festival schedules and schedule details, with functionality for removing shows from schedules
- Implemented live search functionality, enabling users to filter schedules by artist name for quick identification of relevant events

## EDUCATION

### Turing School of Software and Design

July 2024 - Present

Accredited Certificate in Full-Stack Software Development

### University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Juris Doctor

May 2013

**Honors/Awards:** Order of St. Ives | 4 Merit Scholarships | 5 Scholastic Excellence Awards | Outstanding Student Advocate Award

### Metropolitan State University of Denver, Bachelor of Arts | Modern Languages

May 2010

**Honors/Awards:** Magna cum laude | Merit Scholarship | President's Honor List | Golden Key Honor Society