

Edith Cortez Lopez

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategy, risk, and compliance professional with 2+ years of post-internship experience leading cloud security strategy, vendor risk remediation, and cross-functional system-level transformation for high-growth tech and financial clients. Trusted to solve complex problems under pressure, align technical controls with mission-critical business goals, and accelerate go-to-market readiness. Motivated by roles that merge strategic execution with technology to solve complex, real-world problems. Currently pursuing AWS certifications and preparing for the LSAT, with long-term interest in Cybersecurity and Intellectual Property Law.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, NY

Technology Risk Consultant

June 2023 - March 2025

- Enhanced IPO readiness and cloud resiliency by 56% by identifying infrastructure gaps and deploying vendor access security controls across critical systems for a high-growth SaaS client undergoing Pre-IPO transformation
- Improved data accuracy and operational efficiency by 30% during a 50K Workday ERP migration by designing scalable, SQL-backed data validation and migration frameworks to support financial reporting
- Reduced remediation workload by 40% by leading third-party risk assessments for 25+ critical vendors, identifying SOC 1 and SOC 2 gaps, and aligning risks to internal frameworks to accelerate compliance readiness
- Reduced reconciliation errors by 30% and accelerated SOX audit readiness by implementing SQL-driven data validation and reconciliation tools across core financial systems in partnership with internal audit and engineering teams
- Delivered 88% of project milestones and maintained 95% budget adherence by managing 1,400+ billable hours across three workstreams, leading cross-functional communications, and aligning execution with investment priorities

Goldman Sachs & Co.

Dallas, TX

Summer Analyst

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Refined the CF&O - Operational Risk stripe's understanding of controls and risk reporting procedures by spearheading the risk profiling assessment of eight non-revenue generating divisions
- Enhanced risk identification procedures by 20% through the restructuring of the Risk and Control Self-Assessment (RCSA) placemat and incorporating quantifiable financial indicators for qualitative metrics

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Atlanta, GA

Winter Assurance Intern - Asset Wealth Management

Jan. 2022 - March 2022

- Improved investor confidence and SEC regulatory reporting by identifying \$200K in operational inefficiencies through financial due diligence of six multilevel investment funds accounting for \$3M in assets

John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge

Philadelphia, PA

Urban Engagement Intern

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

- Increased conservation by 35% in the local Hispanic community through a 3-year project that strengthened partnerships, implemented bilingual social media strategies, and organized community events

EDUCATION

Emory University, Goizueta Business School

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems and Operations Management

May 2023

Master's of Professional Accounting (MPA)

May 2023

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

Amazon Web Services Cloud Practitioner - In Progress

Amazon Web Services

Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)

Scrum Alliance

EY Lean Six Sigma White Belt

Ernst & Young LLP

SKILLS

Compliance & Risk: SOC 2/ SOX/ ISO 27001, Vendor Risk, KYC, Controls Testing, GRC Tools

Technology & Security: Cloudsecurity, Data Validation, Excel (Advance), SQL, Python, UX Research

Project & Ops Strategy: Agile Project Management, Business Transformation, Competitive Analysis, Stakeholder Management

Financial Analysis: Market Research, Financial Modeling, Technology Due Diligence

Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), German (Conversational)