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Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico

Highest degree earned: LLM in U.S. Legal Studies

Career History

During his undergraduate studies, Carlos Jimenez became increasingly interested in U.S. legal studies, and in family law in particular. In order to take this further, he decided to enroll in an LLM research program at California University. Carlos is now a family rights lawyer at the Maryland firm of Deringer, Strunk & Fairfield.

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HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE STATE OR REGION TO YOU WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SCHOOL?

For me, location was very important because much of my family lives in northern California, so I wanted to choose a program that kept me close to them. Also, the weather in San Francisco is perfect all year round!

WHAT WERE YOUR INITIAL THOUGHTS WHEN YOU STARTED THE LLM PROGRAM?

I was intent on making the most of my education, so I did my best to go into the LLM program 100 percent prepared.

HOW DID YOU ADJUST TO LIFE AS AN LLM STUDENT?

It was difficult at first, managing a very busy schedule while juggling work responsibilities, but my professors were very helpful and they treated me as if my personal life mattered to them just as much as my academic goals.

HOW DID PURSUING THE LLM CHANGE YOU?

The LLM program has made me more organized and outspoken. I feel confident in my education, so I am more likely to speak up when I see injustice. I am sure that I am equipped with the best knowledge and tools to build a successful future.

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE DURING YOUR LLM STUDIES?

My biggest challenge was finding the time to study while working full time and maintaining my family and social life. It was very difficult, but I found a rhythm that worked for me and the nine months went by very quickly.

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART ABOUT GETTING YOUR LLM?

The best part about studying at CU School of Law was definitely location. San Francisco is a very diverse and rich city. It is a city that welcomes foreigners and immigrants like few cities do.

HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR LLM EDUCATION WILL HELP YOU LATER IN LIFE?

After two semesters of legal education here at CU School of Law, I have a better understanding not only of the American common law system, but also of the people. The time here was challenging and enriching. I feel prepared now to achieve my future goals.

WHAT IS THE BEST TIP YOU CAN GIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR AN LLM PROGRAM?

I would advise prospective LLM students to never be afraid to ask the difficult questions.