


Marnie Avila Alvarez

International Students and Immigration Services Provider |
LLM Energy Law

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Resume

Education Background

- Vermont Law and Graduate School - USA
LLM in Energy Law
2021 - 2023
- Education Center for International Trade & Foreign Investment - Cuba
International Commercial Law Special Diploma
Graduated with Honors
2015 - 2016
- Europa-Universität Viadrina - Germany
Summer Course: The European System of Human Rights Protection.
2014
- Havana University School of Law - Cuba
2009 - 2014
Juris Doctor (Licenciada en Derecho)
Summa Cum Laude

Awards

2023 Vermont Law and Graduate School Marc Mihaly Environmental Leadership Award

Skills

- Experience with USCIS immigration process (asylum, work permit, adjustment of status)
- Legal writing
- Energy Efficiency & Decarbonization, and Climate Resiliency research
- PPA drafting & negotiation
- MOUs drafting & negotiation
- Problem solver
- Detail, Deadline & Client oriented
- Project Management
- Public Speaking & Networking
- Digital Marketing & Web Content

Languages

- English - bilingual
- Spanish - native

Achievements

- Successfully assisted approx. 10 immigrants to present their immigration papers to USCIS (asylum, work permit, permanent legal residency) and they have been granted the requested status.
- Successfully assisted VLGS incoming international students (mostly Latin and African) in their migratory process to start their Master's Programs and LLMS in Vermont, and international professors visiting the school as a summer scholars (SEVIS, F1/F2, J1/J2 visa, support Diploma and transcripts equivalency).
- Successfully assisted international VLGS graduates with their OPT paperwork.
- Significantly increased energy generation capacity for the Cuban national electric system due to successful energy procurement negotiations with the Turkish company Karpowership which led to the successful operation of Powerplants in Cuban territory.

Summary

International legal professional with 10 years of experience working in international settings with professionals and students from different cultural backgrounds. Legal experienced in the international business & commerce arena, and international, Cuban and US domestic energy sectors. Lived experience as an international student and as an immigrant in the US who adjusted herself her migratory status via Cuban Adjustment Act (CAA). Familiar and experienced with USCIS processes and forms, such as asylum, work permit, adjustment to permanent residency, SEVIS and OPT.

Interest in helping other immigrants to make their way into legally establishing in the US, and to help immigrants in general to legally establish themselves in the country.

Professional Experience

Vermont Law and Graduate School | International Admissions Counselor
2023 - Today

- Represent VLGS at national and international events.
- Recruit and assist Master & LLM international prospective students throughout their application process, and in their journey to campus.
- Boost international partnerships between VLGS and international institutions.

Alviera Group LLC | Co-Founder

Marh 2023 - up to date

Alviera Group LLC is a small family business oriented to assist immigrants to legally establish themselves and their families in the US following USCIS mandates. The company also provides services for immigrants wanting to develop small businesses after they are completely established in the country. Immigrants are the center of all services provided. All services are provided in English and Spanish.

- Present the company's mission and services to clients and potential partners.
- Direct contact with immigrants and international students.
- Assistance with preparing asylum, work permit, permanent residency, OPT forms and related processes to present the paperwork to USCIS.
- Case support.
- Management of data and confidential information.
- Creation of small websites, landing pages, web content and digital marketing.
- Administrative functions.
- Improve and adding services.
- Up-to date results: Successfully assisted approx. 10 immigrants, and 2 international students with their immigration paperwork.
- Consolidated skills: entrepreneurship, leadership, problem solving.

Institute for Energy and the Environment-Vermont Law and Graduate School | Global Energy Fellow
2021 - 2023

- Taught in the IEE's Energy Clinic class and Research Associate Program.
- Led students conducting research on energy topics and environment related matters.
- Produced educational quality resources and web content for student empowerment.
- Lead a research project on Beneficial Electrification in Agriculture, which includes studies about time-of-use rates, demand response, end-uses appropriate for electrification, transmission and distribution constraints, and federal and state energy policies, and regulatory research. Current project stage available [here](#).
- Work directly under the Farm and Energy Initiative, funded by the National Agricultural Library to reduce fossil fuel consumption, and improving energy management in the agricultural sector.
- Other relevant research: low-income and community solar development; solar land leases; state and local energy permitting; legislative tracking; farmland solar development including agrivoltaics; farmer access to clean energy; environmental attribute tracking and trading.
- Events Attendance: 2022 Energy Bar Association mid-year Conference; 2022 VLGS Energy Law National Symposium; 2022 Renewable Energy Vermont Conference; and 2022 American Agriculture Law Association Conference
- Consolidated skills: leadership, project management, research and drafting.

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Professional Experience – Cont.

Cuban Electric Union (UNE) – National Electric Public Utility, Cuba | In-House International Legal Advisor & International Energy Lawyer 2017–2020

- Served as in-house council developing national and international contracts in energy generation procurement, supporting negotiations with independent power producers, and authoring and reviewing various energy industry equipment contracts.
- Negotiate and legally advice international Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).
- Legal counseling and permitting to expedite foreign independent power producers' investment.
- Energy Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drafting, review and counseling.
- Established energy policy and land permitting regulation guidelines to encourage foreign energy generation investment in cooperation with national public utility council.
- Liaison between legal department and origination department for energy project development. Type of projects: renewable (solar, wind, biomass), Oil and LNG
- Biggest project: Powerships in Cuba, established by Karpowership, a Turkish company and the world's largest floating power plant fleet owner and operator.
- Consolidated skills: negotiation, teamwork, deadline and detail oriented.

University of Havana School of Law, Cuba | Adjunct Professor of Law – Corporate and Commercial Law 2017–2019

- Taught Corporate and Commercial Law to a 20–student classroom.
- Introduced legal issues out of Corporate and Commercial law professional practice to students and incentivized deep analysis.
- Produced cutting edge legal research and presented at national and international legal events.
- Presented about renewable energy in Cuba to Vermont Law and Graduate School and the Institute for Energy and the Environment's Global Sustainability Field Study class to Cuba.
- Presented at International Maritime Law Event. at Havana University School of Law. Topic: Maritime Law and Energy: Powerships in Cuba.
- Consolidated skills: leadership, legal research, detail oriented.

Coratur S.A, Beijing Office | Legal Externship 2016

- Provided legal review and counseling for various equipment international commercial contracts.
- Also provided legal review and counseling for Import and export operations for Coratur S.A Beijing Office in cooperation with the Commercial Aggregate of the Cuban Embassy in China.
- Consolidated skills: teamwork, diplomacy, deadline oriented.

State Holding for International Trade and Foreign Investment (GECOMEX), Cuba | In-House Legal Advisor 2015–2017

- Provided legal review and counseling for various equipment international commercial contracts, and for import and export operations for all of the 14 companies of the holding.
- Consolidated skills: leadership, public speaking, legal counseling.

Ministry of International Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba (MINCEX), Cuba | In-House Legal Advisor 2014–2015

- Provided legal review and counseling for international cooperation agreements, international commercial contracts and foreign investment contracts, and for import and export operations.
- Consolidated skills: diplomacy, detail oriented.

Affiliations

- Member of the Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont Law and Graduate School, United States
- Member of the Energy Bar Association, United States
- Member of the American Agriculture Law Association, United States
- Member of the Youth Club of the Cuban Association for the United Nations, Cuba

Voluntary Work

University for Senior Adult | Legal courses facilitator 2009–2014

- The University for Senior Adults is a program for the elder population of Cuba, providing courses about current and interesting topics. I taught several law-related courses, including: Domestic Violence and the Elderly, Wills and Estates, and Introduction to Renewable Energy.
- Consolidated skills: adaptability to all audiences, life-work balance

References available upon request