

CARLOS BERNAL

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor Candidate | **GPA:** 3.32/4.0

May 2026

Honors: Dean's List (Spring 2024, Fall 2025); Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund (2024)

Journals: *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, Executive Editor of Illinois Articles (2025)

Leadership & Activities: First Generation Law Students, Director of Career & Admissions (2024);
Latinx Law Students Association, Mentor (2024)

DePauw University

Greencastle, IN

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology | **GPA:** 3.23/4.0

May 2021

Honors: Dean's List (Spring 2020 – Spring 2021); Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (2020);
Posse Foundation Scholarship (2017)

Leadership & Activities: DePauw First Generation Student Organization, President (2019); Connections
Mentorship Program, Mentor (2019); Delta Upsilon, Secretary (2018); DePauw Men's Cross Country,
Athlete (2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hinkhouse Williams Walsh LLP

Chicago, IL

Law Clerk

May 2025 – Dec. 2025

- Drafted coverage position letters, including reservation of rights, disclaimers, and request for information.
- Conducted legal research on commercial general liability insurance coverage issues and procedural rules in state and federal courts.

Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Sixth Division

Chicago, IL

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Justice Carl A. Walker

Jan. 2025 – April 2025

- Drafted judicial orders and conducted legal research on criminal, torts, and commercial litigation issues.
- Analyzed statutory interpretation and case precedent to assist judicial decision-making.

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, IL

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Franklin U. Valderrama

June 2024 – July 2024

- Drafted judicial orders on motions to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(2).
- Conducted legal research on case law, statutes, and procedural rules to support judicial decisions.

Beyond Legal Aid

Chicago, IL

Immigration Paralegal

July 2022 – Aug. 2023

- Drafted and filed a wide range of immigration applications to various federal agencies and immigration courts, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.
- Conducted legal intakes in Spanish and English, assessing client eligibility for relief.

LANGUAGES AND INTERESTS

Languages: Spanish (Native) | **Interests:** Sports, music, photography, and reading.