

# **Maria E. Bermudez, Esq.**

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## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey State Bar
- Pennsylvania State Bar
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

## **REAL ESTATE LICENSE**

- Pennsylvania Licensed Real Estate Agent with Berkshire Hathaway
  - Member of Suburban West REALTORS®

## **EDUCATION**

Widener University, School of Law, Wilmington, DE <b>Juris Doctorate</b>	May 2007
Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA <b>Bachelor of Arts, Sociology</b>	May 2003

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Martin Law <b>Associate Attorney</b>	2011 - 2015
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- assisted in the management of the social security and long term disability departments; including supervising junior associates, paralegals, legal assistants and medical records coordinators
- reviewed daily SSD/SSI and ERISA long term disability intakes and determined profitability/viability for firm involvement
- prepared for and represented claimants in SSD/SSI hearings
- corresponded regularly with clients and opposing counsel (in ERISA cases)
- prepared SSD/SSI appeal briefs and administrative proceeding briefs in ERISA cases
- initiated federal court litigation in ERISA cases
- litigated matters in federal court involving ERISA claims for disability benefits

Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, Philadelphia, PA 2008-2011

**Associate Attorney**

- litigated insurance matters including life, health, disability and ERISA
- litigated insurance matters including automobile and premises liability
- appeared in federal court for mediation, status, scheduling and settlement conferences
- appeared in state court for trial, compulsory arbitration and status, scheduling and settlement conferences
- prepared dispositive, discovery and pre-trial motions in pending litigation in commercial, liability and contract litigation
- prepared and produced written discovery and conducted depositions
- corresponded with clients, local counsel and adverse counsel regularly regarding the status of cases

Superior Court of New Jersey, Gloucester County 2007-2008

**Judicial Law Clerk, Family Division**

- assisted Judge in the preparation of motion and trial decisions
- researched case law and briefed Judge regarding issues primarily related to child support, custody, parenting time and emancipation
- prepared case summaries for Judge to assist in daily court docket
- mediated cases in the Family and Civil Divisions, including preparation of child support guidelines
- regularly corresponded and provided assistance to litigants, attorneys and court administration

Superior Court of New Jersey, Vicinage XV 2004-2007

**Family Division, Bilingual Probation Officer**

- worked in domestic violence, juvenile and family intake units
- prepared cases for court and attended hearings to provide assistance to Superior Court Judge
- researched and investigated litigant history including criminal, domestic violence and family support services checks
- communicated regularly with local law enforcement agencies regarding domestic violence and juvenile matters
- conducted home inspections and custody evaluations in pending litigation and provided recommendations to the Court

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Philadelphia Bar Association
  - Government and Public Service Lawyers Committee
    - Chair, 2016
  - Young Lawyers Division
    - Chair, 2015

- Chair Elect, 2014
- Vice Chair, 2013
- Executive Committee, 2011 and 2012
- Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania
  - Board of Directors, 2014 to present

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Philadelphia Bar Reporter, 2015 YLD Updates, Monthly Column
- ABA HIV & AIDS Benchbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
  - Chapter Eight – Administrative Proceedings: Social Security (co-authored with Leslie Kline Capelle, Esq. – Social Security Attorney Advisor)
- The Significance of Writing in the Legal Setting
  - The Legal Intelligencer, Young Lawyer Supplement, 2013
- Paper or Plastic?
  - ABA Law Practice Division Monthly Webzine, Law Practice Today, Young Lawyers Survival Guide (Part II), August 2013

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Perfil Latino Adelante IV Award, 2016
- Legal Intelligencer's Diverse Attorney of the Year, 2015
- Legal Intelligencer's Lawyers on the Fast Track, 2013
- Super Lawyer's Pennsylvania Rising Star, 2012 to 2015

*References to be provided upon request*