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Marisabel Cabrera

State Representative/Attorney
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

Summary

Marisabel is a respected immigration attorney and former Fire and Police Commissioner who was first elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 2018.

Marisabel received the Democratic Party of Milwaukee County's 2016 Rising Star Award for her work as Chair of the Latino Caucus of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. In 2018, she received the Community Champion Award from Citizen Action of Wisconsin and was credited as one of Wisconsin's Most Powerful Latinos by Madison365. In 2021, Marisabel was named Community Health Center State Grant Champion in recognition for her support and advocacy to increase investment in community health centers and her commitment to advancing access to medical, dental, and behavioral health care for all Wisconsinites. Most recently, Marisabel received the 2022 Wisconsin Builders Association Friend of Housing Award as well as the 2022 Wisconsin Conservation Voters Conservation Champion Award.

Experience

State of Wisconsin

State Representative

January 2019 - Present (5 years 3 months)

Madison, Wisconsin, United States

- Develop bill proposals for changes in state law based on contacts and suggestions from constituents and district organizations
- Hear testimony in assigned committees from individuals interested in bills addressing specific issues and vote on whether to recommend consideration by the full assembly to debate the merits of the bill and vote in favor or against the bill becoming law
- Act as a liaison between constituents and state agencies to receive important services or benefits from state departments

Cabrera Law Office

Attorney

October 2009 - Present (14 years 6 months)

Milwaukee, WI

- Sole practitioner of immigration and nationality law office focused primarily on family-based immigration and waivers, naturalization, benefits relating to victims of abuse, deportation defense and post-conviction relief
- Conduct educational immigration workshops in collaboration with community non-profits explaining common obstacles, myths and remedies as these relate to undocumented immigrants

City of Milwaukee

Fire and Police Commissioner

July 2013 - April 2019 (5 years 10 months)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

- Presided over and drafted opinions for disciplinary appeals panels where I along with two other commissioners evaluated witness testimony and evidence to determine whether the statutory just cause standards were met to justify disciplinary action and what, if any, discipline imposed was appropriate
- Responsible for hiring and firing fire and police chiefs as well as disciplining employees for misconduct
- Monitored citizen complaints and audited internal investigations
- Prescribed the policies and procedures of both public safety departments including setting standards for recruiting and testing new employees

David F. Vedder, P.A.

Associate Attorney

June 2008 - October 2009 (1 year 5 months)

Ormond Beach, FL

- Met with prospective clients for consultations and developed new legal services agreements
- Represented individuals at USCIS interviews and immigration court Master/Individual hearings
- Composed briefs for extreme hardship waivers, motions to reopen to USCIS, appeals to AAO, motions to reopen/reconsider/terminate for immigration court and appeals to the BIA
- Researched eligibility for employment-based immigration applications and waivers of foreign residency requirement, including J-1, H1-B, H2-B, H-3, R-1, etc.

- Drafted federal litigation briefs involving naturalization applications and removal order appeals
- Conducted immigration workshops explaining immigration procedures and benefits available as well as disqualifying factors to Spanish speaking individuals and families in the community

The Law Offices of Eduardo Soto, P.A.

Associate Attorney

June 2007 - December 2007 (7 months)

Coral Gables, FL

- Trained associate attorneys new to the firm as well as managed criminal defense department focused on post-conviction relief
- Represented individuals in State of Florida circuit courts litigating motions to vacate convictions resulting from pleas where the trial court failed to advise of possible deportation consequences as part of colloquy and appealed unfavorable decisions
- Represented individuals at USCIS interviews and immigration court Master/Individual hearings
- Composed briefs for extreme hardship waivers, motions to reopen to USCIS, appeals to AAO, and motions to reopen/reconsider/terminate for immigration court as well as appeals to the BIA
- Conducted initial consultations to secure new retainer agreements

Cabrera Law Office

Attorney

January 2007 - June 2007 (6 months)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

- Started own practice representing clients on a variety of mainly family-based immigration benefits as well as prepared corresponding petitions (Fiancée Visas, Applications for Adjustments of Status, Renewals, Removal of Conditions, VAWA Self-Petitions, TPS and Applications for Naturalization)
- Researched, prepared and litigated deportation defense for both detained and non-detained individuals before immigration judge including motions to set bond, parole requests, applications for removal relief, Master and Individual hearings, motions to reopen/reconsider and appeals to the BIA
- Filed and successfully litigated state criminal post-conviction motions where necessary to create removal relief eligibility

Centro Legal

Associate Attorney

April 2006 - December 2006 (9 months)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

- Represented individuals with misdemeanor charges who did not qualify for public defender representation but also could not afford private counsel
- Conducted intake interviews, reviewed discovery with clients, argued motions, negotiated pleas, advised as to the differences and strengths of the case at trial versus entering a plea and the potential outcomes, argued sentencing recommendations, etc.

Education

Michigan State University

Doctor of Law (JD), Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law · (1999 - 2002)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Latin American and Iberian Studies; Spanish · (1993 - 1998)