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## Top Skills

Legislative Analysis  
Committees  
Strategy

## Languages

English  
Spanish

## Certifications

Puerto Rico Bar  
Federal Bar Exam  
Washington DC Bar

## Honors-Awards

Cum Laude  
Magna Cum Laude  
Valedictorian

# Irene M. Rivera Goyco, J.D., LL.M.

Former Presidential Appointee and House SBC Staffer  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Experienced, bilingual attorney with a robust background in legislative and regulatory affairs, legal analysis, and small business advocacy. Proven track record as a senior advisor and legal counsel within a federal agency and the U.S. Congress, complemented by expertise in government procurement law. Adept at drafting legislation, conducting in-depth legal research and providing strategic counsel to high-level decision-makers.

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## Experience

All Native Group, The Federal Services Division of Ho-Chunk Inc.  
Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
July 2024 - Present (5 months)

Minority Business Development Agency - U.S. Department of Commerce

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary  
May 2023 - July 2024 (1 year 3 months)  
Washington DC Metro Area

Steer policy recommendations and initiatives to bolster minority business participation in federal contracts, fostering an inclusive economy.

Lead advocacy efforts to integrate minority businesses into federal procurement processes.

U.S. House of Representatives

Procurement Counsel  
March 2019 - May 2023 (4 years 3 months)  
Washington DC Metro Area

Advised committee members on federal procurement laws, regulations, and small business contracting policies, facilitating informed legislative decision-making.

Drafted legislation and served as a subject matter expert during bill markups, contributing to the enactment of policies that support small business interests.

Organized multiple congressional hearings, coordinating all aspects from planning to execution and creating comprehensive legal memoranda and briefing documents.

Fostered collaborative relationships with congressional offices, constituents, and industry, regularly meeting with relevant parties to address challenges and create actionable policy solutions.

### Northrop Grumman

#### Contract Administrator

April 2017 - February 2019 (1 year 11 months)

Maryland, United States

Managed a diverse portfolio of contracts between the company and the Federal Government for the acquisition of ground-based radar systems. Former portfolio also included international customers in Latin America.

Counseled senior program management regarding contractual rights, obligations, and the application of FAR and DFARS regulations, ensuring legal and regulatory compliance.

Reviewed request for proposals (RFPs); contract terms and conditions; and statements of work to collaborate in the creation of acquisition strategies and the preparation of prompt responses to the Government.

Drafted and provided recommendations for a multiplicity of contractual documents (proposals, memorandums of understanding, non-disclosure agreements, etc.) to ensure correctness and legal sufficiency.

Executed contract analyses, negotiations, and administration, maintaining strong customer relations, and ensuring contract fulfillment.

Rated as an "Excellent Performer" in the "2017 Year-End Review."

### The Washington Center

#### Program Advisor/ Puerto Rico and Federal

June 2015 - April 2017 (1 year 11 months)

## Washington D.C. Metro Area

Advised TWC, a non-profit organization, on government relations with clients in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (P.R.).

Acted as a key communications liaison and program manager, overseeing the successful execution of internship programs, ensuring high levels of customer satisfaction, and compliance with specific contract requirements.

Identified opportunities and collaborated with senior management to create and implement a strategic business development plan aimed at engaging the Federal Government and expanding internship opportunities.

My achievements in this role include receiving "Above Expectations" ratings in the "Six- Month Performance Appraisal" for having the initiative to improve the quality of deliverables.

## Legal Affairs Office of the Capital City of San Juan Attorney

February 2013 - August 2014 (1 year 7 months)

San Juan Puerto Rico

Provided legal counsel to the Director of the Legal Affairs Office, primarily focusing on matters related to contracts, legislation, and Administrative Law.

Conducted thorough legal research and prepared detailed legal memoranda to address the Municipality's legal issues, aiding in policy development and ordinance creation.

Reviewed and analyzed the legality of dozens of contracts and contract drafts between the capital city and its citizens, private contractors, and other public entities.

Drafted contracts, explained contract terms to stakeholders, monitored performance and identified and resolved contract issues.

Developed compelling arguments and authored legal briefs, pleadings, and motions, to represent the Municipality in state and administrative courts.

## Court of Appeals of Puerto Rico Law Clerk

February 2011 - January 2013 (2 years)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Served as the lead law clerk to the former Chief Judge of the Commonwealth's Court of Appeals, conducting extensive legal research to retrieve judicial opinions, Comptroller's General opinions, Federal Register notices, regulations, statutes, and memoranda pertinent to the legal controversies at hand, which were often related to the fields of Administrative Law and Contracts Law.

Drafted legal documents, including two to three legal memoranda each week, to analyze and creatively solve complex or novel questions under applicable laws, regulations and or jurisprudence that often contained vague and ambiguous language.

Examined and synthesized voluminous legal briefs, amicus curiae briefs, motions, documents submitted into evidence and the judgments of lower courts and agencies to inform about the details of each case and the main allegations of the parties.

### Legal Aid Clinic of The University of Puerto Rico | Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation

Student Practitioner

August 2009 - May 2010 (10 months)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Performed legal research and incorporated relevant case law, laws and regulations into motions and pleadings to support our clients' claims regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Represented clients in court hearings and pre-trial conferences.

Conducted discovery by submitting interrogatories to the opposite parties and assisted clients in depositions.

Interviewed potential clients to learn about their claims, obtain additional facts and corroborate details.

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## Education

The George Washington University Law School

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Government Procurement Law · (2014 - 2015)

University of Puerto Rico School of Law

Juris Doctor (J.D.), Law · (2007 - 2010)

Universidad de Palermo

Law, Study Abroad Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina · (2009)

University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

Bachelor's Degree , Public Relations and Advertising · (2003 - 2007)

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

B.A., Study Abroad Program in Madrid, Spain · (2007)