

Biography – Yesenia Gallegos (Latina Lawyer’s Bar)

Yesenia Gallegos is a Partner with Fox Rothschild, a national law firm with 21 offices in the United States. She focuses her practice in labor and employment matters, including advising small business owners to *Fortune* 500 Companies in areas such as:

- Restrictive covenants – protection of trade secret information
- Defending against attempts to enforce a non-compete agreement in the state of California
- Wage and hour law
- Discrimination and harassment claims
- Executive employment agreements
- Leaves of absence
- Employee terminations and Reductions in force (WARN Act, Cal WARN Act)
- Establishing work rules and registering them with local labor regulatory agencies in countries throughout Latin America.

She represents employers in employment litigation (including class actions) pending in state and federal court. She also represents employers in actions against former employees in trade-secret and embezzlement actions that require immediate restraining orders, injunctions and/or liens.

In addition, Yesenia conducts and oversees workplace investigations of harassment and discrimination, conducts wage & hour audits and provides organizations with training (in English or Spanish) on: (i) Sexual harassment prevention; (ii) Employment law for managers and supervisors; (iii) Compliance with California wage and hour law; and (iv) the interplay between disability law, reasonable accommodations and leaves of absence.

Career:

Yesenia joined Fox Rothschild eight (8) years ago (in March of 2009), and was elevated to partner in April of 2013. Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Yesenia was an associate in the Labor & Employment Departments of Gordon & Rees LLP, Silver & Freedman, and Davis Maltin.

Beyond Fox:

Yesenia serves as an appointed Latina Commissioner to the Hispanic National Bar Association's (HNBA), previously served as Regional President for the HNBA's Southern California region (September 2013 to September 2014), and has been an active member of the HNBA since 2009.

Yesenia attended the UCLA for undergraduate school where she obtained a BA in Political Science, and attended the University of San Francisco School of Law to obtain her JD. While in law school, Yesenia was part of the international study program in Bali, Indonesia, where she took international and environmental law courses and interned at the Nature Conservatory, and served as associate literary and technical editor for USF Law's *Maritime Law Journal*.

Honors and Awards:

- Listed among Latinas of Influence by *Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine* (2016)
- Included in a list of "Most Influential Minority Lawyers" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* (2016)
- Listed among the 25 most influential Hispanic lawyers in the U.S. by *Latino Leaders Magazine* (2015, 2016)
- Winner of the Hispanic National Bar Association "Regional President of the Year Award" (2014)
- Included in a list of Southern California Rising Stars by *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2013, 2014, 2016)
- *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Women Making a Difference Award Nominee (2013-2015)
- Selected as a "Top Lawyer Under 40" by the Hispanic National Bar Association (2013)
- One of 50 lawyers selected to participate in the Association of Corporate Counsel and HNBA's Value-Added Legal Services Training Program (2010-2012)