

## FRANCELLA OCHILLO

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**Vice President, Policy & General Counsel**, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Since August 2018

65 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105 and 1342 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009

Serve as the chief legal advisor to the CEO, Board of Directors, and management team. Provide subject matter expertise and handle press inquiries for technology policy issues related to expanding digital access, developing privacy regulations, and improving media diversity. Oversee litigation portfolio and work assigned to external counsel. Draft public comments and legal filings that help policymakers understand the impact of telecommunication policy proposals on underrepresented communities. Ensure that NHMC's Congressional outreach strategy advances policy priorities. Streamline advocacy agenda to position NHMC as a thought leader among technology policy, civil rights, and government accountability organizations. Supervise policy counsel, communication consultants, and three fellowship programs. Manage all grant proposals and submissions that fund NHMC's policy work.

**Director, Government & Legal Affairs**, National Hispanic Media Coalition, April 2017 – August 2018

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Provided legal counsel, drafted filings, and educated government agency officials on telecommunication policies such as net neutrality, expanding digital access, improving media diversity, and eliminating hate speech online. Constructed NHMC's Congressional outreach strategy, identifying and developing relationships with key legislators to support NHMC's policy goals. Developed outreach materials that explain Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission's proposals. Attracted additional grant funding and submitted grant reports to document advocacy accomplishments. Represented NHMC at conferences, with elected officials, and in coalitions with activists, academia, corporate interest groups, and organizational allies.

**Attorney Analyst**, Dept. of Justice (Contractor), Civil Division, Fraud Section, June 2013 – April 2017

CACI International Incorporated, 601 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20004

Executed various aspects of banking and securities fraud investigations governed by the False Claims Act and Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act. Examined corporate practices used to sell residential mortgage-backed securities to federally insured financial institutions. Analyzed due diligence procedures, risk assessment protocols, and marketing materials to identify misrepresentations in how securities were packaged and sold. Supported trial counsel by responding to requests for legal analysis, drafting legal memoranda, summarizing facts, helping select witnesses, traveling to assist in depositions, and participating in conferences with opposing counsel. Collaborated with prosecution teams including investigators, information technology consultants, rating agencies, and trust administrators to secure evidence. Managed the work-product database for a bicoastal, District of Columbia and California, investigation team.

**Contract Attorney**, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, Google Legal Department, Cleary Gottlieb

Steen & Hamilton LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC, August 2012 – June 2013

Managed discovery requests in anti-trust, patent infringement, and banking regulatory matters. Conducted quality control reviews of relevance and privilege claims. Monitored workflow and conducted progress reports on document review pace. Submitted written assessments of contract attorneys, making performance evaluations to associates.

**Contract Attorney/Team Lead**, Cleary Gottlieb LLP, March 2011 – May 2012

Legal Source, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006

Served in various leadership roles assigned to production quality control and joint defense review projects. Partnered with staff attorneys to prepare documents for civil litigation discovery requests

and related regulatory matters. Researched specific allegations of misconduct and summarized conclusions for trial counsel.

**Contract Attorney/Team Lead**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, October 2007 – February 2011

Legal Source, 1625 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20006

Worked on a broad range of discovery assignments involving allegations of mortgage-backed securities fraud. Partnered with staff attorneys to develop coding protocol and quality controls used to produce documents to opposing counsel and regulatory agencies. Identified relevant documents and revised privilege claims, ensuring compliance with subpoena requests. Collected evidence for US Senate hearings and SEC administrative proceedings. Trained contract attorneys on how to use electronic discovery platforms to conduct searches and generate reports. Managed several litigation projects with concurrent deadlines.

**Law Clerk**, City of Chicago, August 2006 – May 2007

City of Chicago, Department of Law, 740 North Sedgwick, Chicago, IL 60610

Represented Chicago Police, Transit Authority, and Animal Care & Control Department, winning more than 90% of administrative hearings. Researched governing law, developed litigation strategies, interviewed witnesses, and delivered oral arguments. Presented oral arguments supported by public policy considerations and legislative intent. Negotiated restitution and settlement agreements between respondents and animal bite victims.

**Legal Intern**, CARPLS Legal Aid, June 2006 – August 2006

Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services, 17 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60602

Provided legal advice to low-income clients. Reviewed property, bankruptcy, and divorce claims for legal sufficiency. Identified legal questions, discussed legal remedies with supervising attorneys, and advised clients on requisite procedural steps.

**Research Assistant**, Professor Susan Connor, June 2006 – December 2006

John Marshall Law School, 315 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604

Researched various topics including regulation of multi-jurisdictional practice, legitimate discrimination under the Equal Pay Act, and "current user" protection under the American Disabilities Act. Drafted advisory memoranda that summarized case law and persuasive legal authorities. Proofread complaints for legal sufficiency and cite checked legal filings.

## **ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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### **Recent Presentations**

- Bipartisan Tech Policy Solutions for Data Privacy, Next Century Cities Conference (January 2019)
- Raising Our Voices for Digital Rights: Net Neutrality, Lifeline, and Privacy, House of Representatives Briefing (January 2019)
- Why Net Neutrality and Privacy Regulations Should be a Priority for Congress, Committee on Legislation Conference at the American Library Association (November 2018)
- Lifeline and the FCC's Congressional Mandate to Connect the Disconnected, Senate Briefing (March 2018)
- DHS's Extreme Vetting Initiative: How ICE Planned to Use Social Media to Generate 10,000 Deportation Leads, House of Representatives Briefing (February 2018)

### **Honors**

- Google Next Generation Policy Leader, since 2018
- National Association of Women Lawyers Scholarship Recipient, 2007
- 2nd Place Mediation Team, 2007 Dispute Resolution Mediation Advocacy Competition
- 1st Place Oralist and 2nd Place Overall, 2006 Fred Herzog Moot Court Competition
- 1st Place Brief and Quarterfinalist Team, 2006 Chicago Bar Assn. Moot Court Competition

### **Education**

- Juris Doctor, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, May 2007
- Bachelor of Science, Marketing, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, May 2000