Iris Figueroa, Farmworker Justice

Ms. Figueroa is the Director of Economic and Environmental Justice at Farmworker Justice. Farmworker Justice is a national advocacy organization based in Washington D.C. that collaborates with farmworker-serving organizations throughout the nation to improve farmworker living and working conditions. Since its inception in 1981, Farmworker Justice has played an important role in advocating for occupational safety and health policies and building the capacity of community-based organizations regarding health and safety.

Ms. Figueroa has been at Farmworker Justice since 2016. At the organization, she engages in advocacy and community education for farmworkers on issues related to occupational health and safety, labor rights and immigration. She meets regularly with farmworker serving organizations around the country to discuss developments on the ground as well as updates in federal policy that affect the farmworker community. She also engages in administrative advocacy with federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Labor (DOL).

Prior to her current position at Farmworker Justice, Ms. Figueroa worked at various civil society organizations throughout the U.S. and Latin America for the protection and advancement of economic and social rights, including in Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala. She also previously worked providing direct legal services to survivors of domestic violence in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she worked as an attorney at a law firm, focusing on international business transactions.

Ms. Figueroa is a native Spanish speaker. She is a graduate of Georgetown University (BS, SFS, 2007) Columbia Law School (JD, 2010) and the University of Amsterdam (LLM, 2010). She is admitted to practice law in New York and the District of Columbia.