

# Meet Laura

A relentless and determined immigration advocate driven by compassion for clients facing the challenges of immigration law.



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# **LAURA DEPAZ CABRERA**

Founding Partner

Born and raised in Gainesville, Florida, Laura dePaz Cabrera has deep roots in North Central Florida, where she has spent the majority of her life. Her unique bicultural background, with summers spent in her parents' native Puerto Rico, has enriched her fluency in both Spanish and English, making her the perfect advocate for clients seeking immigration solutions in a bilingual context.

Laura's academic journey began at the University of Florida, where she graduated cum laude in 2003 with a major in Political Science and a minor in Latin American Studies. Her thirst for knowledge and international experiences led her to Paris, France, where she lived and worked before returning to Florida in 2004. In early 2005, she embarked on her legal studies at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Her commitment to excellence was recognized through the Johnson S. Savary merit-based scholarship and a Law School Fellows Grant, which allowed her to serve as a research assistant to one of her esteemed professors during her first semester.

During her time at the University of Florida, Laura actively engaged with the legal community, participating in the John Marshall Bar Association and the Family Law Society. She was certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a Certified Legal Intern and gained invaluable experience through

the Full Representation Family Law Clinic at the Virgil C. Hawkins Civil Clinics, where she represented clients in family law cases within the 8th Judicial Circuit.

Upon earning her Juris Doctorate in December 2007, Laura dePaz Cabrera was admitted to practice law as a member of the Florida Bar in February 2009. Her dedication to professional development led her to the Florida Bar's Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy, where she became a Class IV fellow.

Laura's litigation experience is substantial, and prior to founding dePaz Cabrera Immigration Law, she was a partner with George & Cabrera Immigration Attorneys providing comprehensive immigration solutions for hundreds of Clients. Previously she also served as a partner in a reputable statewide firm, specializing in complex insurance coverage claims arising from construction defect litigation. She holds admission to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida.

Recognized as a standout in her field, Laura dePaz Cabrera has consistently been named to the Florida Rising Stars list by Thomson Reuters from 2013 through 2023.

Beyond her legal pursuits, Laura enjoys spending quality time with her husband and children.

Her diverse interests include cooking, camping, reading, and jogging. Additionally, she showcases her artistic talent as the lead female vocalist for Tropix, a Latin-fusion band based in Gainesville. Laura also actively contributes to her community and has previously served as President of the

Junior League of Gainesville and President of The James C. Adkins, Jr. Inn of Court. Laura currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Central Florida Chapter where she serves as board secretary, a position she has held since 2021.

Laura dePaz Cabrera's passion for immigration law extends beyond her practice. She regularly participates in community events focused on the immigrant community and also hosts a Spanish Language Video Podcast called Adelante Inmigrante, offering valuable insights and guidance to the immigrant community, affirming her commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those seeking immigration solutions.

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