

# Gabriel Maximilian Moreno

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BAR ADMISSIONS – Maryland • Massachusetts • U.S. District Court of Maryland • U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGE – Fluent in Spanish

## EXPERIENCE

### KIND (KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE)

#### Senior Attorney

Baltimore, MD  
September 2015 – Present

Senior Attorney, Special Programs, Family Separations Response Team (Current Position) roles:

- Provide direct representation to children affected by the zero tolerance and family separation policy in the realm of immigration and federal litigation.
- Provide mentoring to pro bono attorneys handling the cases of separated children and families.
- Ensure dissemination of timely guidance and case assistance in rapidly changing legal and political landscape, including in the family separation crisis.
- Triage referrals for children needing legal services, including referrals for children in ORR or ICE detention facilities and upon release, and facilitate representation.
- Work closely with organizations and law firms such as the ACLU, Justice in Motion, SENECA, CLINIC, the Paul Weiss law firm, to name a few, as part of the family separation steering committee to ensure streamlined services for families impacted by separations during the previous presidential administration.
- Participate in coalitions to stay abreast of legal developments and trends to inform mentoring of pro bono attorneys, and to ensure rapid dissemination of KIND guidance materials to other providers to benefit separated and unaccompanied children and their families.
- Support Legal Services Team Management and Deputy Director with project management tasks, including reporting, and funder and media relations.

Senior Direct Representation Attorney roles:

- Manage three direct representation attorneys and two paralegals handling around 220 cases.
- Conduct staff evaluations after initial three months of employment and on a yearly basis.
- Attend stakeholder meetings with community partners, judges, and government officials.
- Represent unaccompanied minor clients in Immigration Court and Maryland Circuit Courts.
- Mentor internal staff and external pro bono attorneys in processes of the Immigration Court and Maryland Circuit Courts.
- Evaluate matters involving immigration, criminal issues, and juvenile delinquency and how immigration relief being sought will be impacted.
- With the ending of the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellowship program and the Baltimore Initiative, determine whether each of the over 200 cases in those programs would be retained in another KIND program or farmed out to private practitioners.
- Co-manage the KIND Baltimore office during a time when no permanent supervising attorney was present.
- Lead phone calls with KIND-nationwide conference calls.
- Actively participate in various listservs to answer practitioner's questions regarding immigration issues.

Pro Bono Coordinator / Staff Attorney roles:

- Liaise with the Baltimore field office's Supervising Attorney to determine case strategy, update about case progress of over 80 cases retained, and ethical issues that may have arose during representation.
- Represent children in immigration removal proceedings, including children eligible for asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) due to abuse, abandonment, neglect, human trafficking, and/or other trauma.
- File all relevant documents and applications with government agencies and immigration court, where applicable.
- Mentor and manage pro bono attorneys when state court portions of an immigration case exists.
- Attend immigration and state court hearings, and interviews and adjudications before government agencies.
- Participate in staff meetings and KIND-nationwide conference calls.
- Assist in the supervision of law student interns and volunteers.

- Perform and assist with periodic trainings and presentations.
- Serve as an ambassador of KIND with local coalitions, courts, and agencies.

**JM BLATTNER, LLC**  
**Attorney**

Towson, MD  
April 2015 – September 2015

- Represent clients in the areas of personal injury, immigration, and landlord/tenant law.
- Active contribution to law firm blog.

**LAW OFFICE OF BARRY GLAZER, P.C.**  
**Attorney**

Baltimore, MD  
August 2013 – March 2015

- Litigate in the areas of torts, family, real estate, landlord/tenant, probate and administrative law.
- Conduct legal research using LexisNexis and Westlaw.
- Manage a case load of above 25-40 cases involving personal injury predominantly, and some cases involving landlord/tenant, real estate, contract and family Law.
- Argued motions and tried cases as first chair in District and Circuit Courts of Maryland.
- Individually develop and initiate appropriate strategies for discovery and alternative dispute resolution.
- Prepare clients and witnesses for depositions, alternative dispute resolution, hearings and trials.
- Provide litigation support to other attorneys including legal research, drafting, and advice as to strategy.
- Successfully negotiate legal matters with opposing counsel and insurance adjusters to settlement.

**LAW OFFICE OF MARIA MURBER**  
**Intern**

Haverhill, MA  
August 2011 – April 2012

- Learned case management, trial preparation, and client interaction.
- Helped setup trial notebooks in preparation for trial.
- Conducted legal research focusing on criminal law to find current case law and drafted legal documents.

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Legal Studies, 2012  
Massachusetts School of Law - Andover, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts, Organizational and Corporate Communication, 2008  
University of Texas at El Paso - El Paso, Texas

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 2007  
Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

**LUMINUS (formerly FIRN)**  
*Board Member*

Columbia, Maryland  
Feb. 2020 - Jul. 2021

FIRN is a nonprofit organization in Howard County, Maryland that empowers immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them to access community resources and opportunities. FIRN provides immigration counseling, interpreting & translation services, information and referrals and a variety of workshops.

**La Alianza Latina Workgroup**

*Member*

Howard County, Maryland

Sept. 2020 – Present

La Alianza Latina Workgroup is made of 16 Howard County, Maryland residents, representing backgrounds throughout Central and South America. The workgroup address many of the concerns and struggles of the Latino and immigrant community – such as how to access community resources, support for starting a business or buying a home, health disparities and outcomes, and ensuring there is adequate support for young Latinos in Howard County schools.

**Human Rights Review Committee**

*Member*

Howard County, Maryland

Feb. 2019 – Apr. 2019

The Office of Human Rights (OHR) is responsible for administering and enforcing provisions of the Howard County Human Rights Law, investigates complaints and attempts to eliminate violations by conference, conciliation, and persuasion. The Review Committee met during their term to make recommendations as to necessary changes to the OHR.