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La licenciada Cano recibió su doctorado en leyes de la CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK y su grado en Literatura Inglesa, cum laude de la Universidad de Queens. (Por favor ver la lista de diplomas y honores).

En el año 2017 - 2018 fue asesora especial para uno de los concejales de la ciudad de Nueva York donde trabajó para incluir la comunidad hispana en el desarrollo del plan de gobierno del concejal.

Mercedes S. Cano es propietaria de la oficina legal Cano Consulting, P.C. con oficinas en Manhattan y Queens. Con una experiencia extensa en las áreas de inmigración y defensa penal, específicamente en asuntos de leyes de deportación, asilo político, y defensa criminal. Además, representa a inmigrantes abusados por ciudadanos americanos o residentes legales bajo las leyes de protección de abuso familiar donde estos inmigrantes obtienen estatus legal.

Fue presidente del grupo de abogados del Condado de Queens (Latino Lawyers Association of Queens) 2012-2014, donde por dos años destacó la participación de abogados Hispanos a diferentes comunidades. Miembro de la asociación nacional de abogados de inmigración, (AILA) y de la asociación de abogados de Queens.

En el año 1999 y con fondos de un proyecto de la Universidad de Yale, fundó una organización sin ánimo de lucro para educar e informar a la comunidad inmigrante sobre sus derechos civiles y los procedimientos de defensa penal.



En El Centro, la licenciada creó una clínica legal donde representó cerca de 1700 familias en asuntos de inmigración, inquilinato, defensa criminal y familia. Esta experiencia sirvió de inspiración para abrir su despacho en Jackson Heights, Queens, área donde residen más de 2,358.582 personas de las cuales más de 48% son nacidas en el exterior, y se hablan más de 130 lenguajes. La licenciada actualmente representa a cientos de personas con problemas legales de inmigración y accidentes laborales y mala prácticas médica. Su compromiso con la comunidad continúa y es buscada para presentaciones a universidades, colegios, iglesias y centros de agrupaciones de inmigrantes.



Su experiencia y práctica en los campos de defensa en criminología e inmigración la han hecho una efectiva y extraordinaria defensora de los derechos de sus clientes. **Su talento y habilidad en el área legal, además de su empatía con clientes y la comunidad,** (debido a sus propias vivencias de 47 años como inmigrante en los EEUU) **le han otorgado una sólida y auténtica reputación en la comunidad Hispana.**

Uno de sus ensayos fue publicado por el New York Law Review, Volumen XXII, en el otoño del año 2008 donde colaboró en un artículo titulado: " Notas de Campo: Sección Interés Público, Retos de la defensa criminal de los indigentes. "(Public Interest Practice Section Notes from the Field: Challenges of Indigent Criminal Defense).

Es líder para América Latina del programa " Incubadoras Legales para abogados " enfocado en encontrar espacios en las universidades de leyes en Latinoamérica para desarrollar clínicas legales para recién graduados, con fondos privados y del estado.

Con una plétora de presentaciones nacionales e internacionales, ha participado en foros de discusión sobre diversas prácticas de representación legal a diferentes comunidades civiles minoritarias, universidades, eventos de gran afluencia, entidades sin ánimo de lucro, iglesias, escuelas e instituciones y grupos de pequeños empresarios.

PRESENTACIONES Y FOROS

May 4, 2018, Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla, Mexico: Immigration during the Trump Era.

May 2, 2018, Centro De Estudios Superiores de Tepeaca, Mexico: Creando Puentes entre Pennsylvania y Puebla, Mexico. Immigration Laws in the USA and ways to Successfully visit the USA

February 2018: Baruch College-Starr Career Development Center: part of a panel on Women Leaders in Law.

May 2017: York College of the City of New York-Macon B. Allen Bar Association- Law Day Symposium- speaker update on immigration laws

April 2017: Woodside on the Move: a not for profit organization- live facebook presentation with community members assisting about the latest on asylum laws in the USA

January 2016: Association of American Law Schools- 110th Annual Meeting: Expanding the Role of Alumni in Admissions Recruitment

May 2016: Presentation to City University Law School: Immigration Laws Affecting Children Forced to Migrate to the USA

Noviembre, 2016 Instituto Tecnológico Monterrey, Mexico: Conferencia INCMONTERREY "Como conquistar los EEUU"

February 16, 2016, Sustainability in Social Entrepreneurship: at The Atom House, The Intern Group, Latin America, Medellin, Colombia,

June 2015, Harlem, NY, The Apollo Theater Presents Southbank Centre London's Women of the World Festival: Immigration and Refugee Issues

April 22, 2013, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD). Center of Analysis of Public Policies: The Impact of the Immigration reform in the Dominican diaspora in NYC.



January 4, 2012: Young Explorers Program – Queens District Attorney's Office

June 22, 2010: Latino Lawyers Association of Queens and the Community Legal Resource Network (CLRN) – CLE on Padilla v. Kentucky, Queens Criminal Court

April 2010: Premier Seminario Internacional de Asistencia, Jurídica y Social en el Ecuador – Presenter, Immigration and Criminal law; Quito and Guayaquil. Ecuador

March 13, 2010: Jackson Heights 2010 Census Committee

December 15, 2009: Make The Road New York – Immigration workshop

June 22, 2009: Colegio de Abogados en Barcelona España, la justicia norteamericana al alcance de todos. ¿Realidad o ficción? Septiembre 16, 2009

May 14, 2009: Programa televisivo The Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network, Inc. (HITN) – Rockefeller Drug Laws: a second opportunity for addicts

January 8, 2009: Programa televisivo The Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network, Inc. (HITN) – The future of immigration reform

Noviembre 2008: Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India; Practicing Law in the Service of Human Needs in India and the United States: Community Services and Internationalization, November 2008

November 2007: Part of a delegation of community-based lawyers from New York City to Israel and Palestine to address law schools, bar associations and NGO's about "The Importance of Creating Networks of Solo and Small Firm Attorneys to Increase Access to Civil Justice in Legally- Underserved Communities".



HONORES Y PREMIOS

May 2015: New York State Assembly Citation by Francisco Moya, Member of Assembly 39th District for an outstanding citizen, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the community and the great state of New York

May 2015: Certificate of Congressional Recognition on the occasion of Elmhurst Hospital and Healthfirst Celebration of Cinco de Mayo

May 2015: NYS Senator Jose Peralta for outstanding community service

May 2015: City Council Citation by Hon. Julissa Ferrera for community service Award.

November 2014: Puerto Rican Bar Association: Flor de Maga Award, celebrating women of character, commitment and courage

October 29, 2014: LGDCQ Annual Award in recognition as president of Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County-

October 2014: New York State Assembly Citation: by Michael DenDekker, Member of the Assembly- for been a concerned professional for many years of services rendered to the community

April 2013: House of Representatives Award presented by Congresswoman Grace Meng, for Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community

April 2013: NYC Council Award by Daniel Dromm in grateful recognition of passion for community service, significant contributions to the struggle for equal rights for our city's immigrant community

April 4, 2013: New Visions Democratic Club Tenth Annual Dinner Award for many contributions to Queens and all residents of New York City- courageous leadership and unwavering support of democratic values

May 31st, 2013: Ecuadorian Youth Organization, Certificate of Appreciation for supporting its mission and promoting social justice awareness through education and community advocacy

June 2013: Seventh Day Adventist Church (Iglesia Adventista del Septimo Dia): certificate of appreciation on their health fair day

June 29, 2011: New York State Assembly – Citation for exemplary service to the community

June 29, 2011: The Honorable Helen M. Marshall, President of the Borough of Queens & NYC Council Members, Daniel Dromm and Jimmy Van Bramer – 10th Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Month Celebration, Honoree

March 27, 2011: The Latin American Cultural Center of Queens and The Latin Women's Council, in celebration of the 25th Annual Celebration of Women's History Month – Clorinda Mattos de Turner Award, in recognition of her commitment to provide quality legal services to the youth, new immigrants and the Latin-American community of Queens.

March 1, 2011 New York City Mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg celebrated Women's History Month with the launch of "NYC Women: Make here, Make it Happen." Mercedes S. Cano was one of the women highlighted by this project. This video series produced by the Commission on Women's Issues in collaboration with Emmy Award-winning NYC media shined a spotlight on extraordinary women on New York City. The series highlighted individual women in one minute interstitial that aired each day in the month of March on NYC life.

February 2010 Ecuadorian Youth (Juventud Ecuatoriana). Award for commitment and support to the immigrant community.

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May 27, 2010: General Consulate of Ecuador, New York. Award in acknowledgment for outstanding work as a speaker at the First International Legal and Social Seminar in Ecuador. Quito. April 5-9 2010.

April 2, 2010: The Autonomous University of Quito (La Universidad Autonoma de Quito UNAQ), award in appreciation for participation as a presenter in their First Legal Seminar.

April 2010: Immigrant Foundation for the Migrant: Award for participation in the First Jurist and Legal International Seminar in Ecuador.

Summer 2009: Ecuadorian Youth Organization: Award for community activism with the Immigrant youth in New York City.

2007 – The Distinguished Public Award- CUNY School of Law- By the Class of 2007

2006: Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Certificate of Good Standing

March 6, 2003: Recipient of the 2003 CUNY Public Interest Law Association Award for outstanding contribution to public interest law.

July 18, 2002: Honorary Proclamation from the Council of the City of New York in honor of her tireless advocacy on behalf of the Latino immigrant community.

March 21, 2002: The Maria Abella de Ramirez Award given by the Queens Hispanic Parade in recognition of outstanding record of legal services to the unemployed, undocumented and underserved immigrant community in Queens, NY.

March 21, 2002: City Council Citation

November 2001: Certificate of recognition by the

Latin American Worker's Project, a Brooklyn community based organization for the dedicated participation as a facilitator in their 2001 leadership course.

May 2001: The National Association of University Women, Flushing, North Shore Branch. A community service award in recognition of deep commitment & service to the community.

May 2001: Leadership for A Changing World. A certificate in recognition of outstanding community leadership.

March 2001: El Diario- La Prensa- Women in Power- Homage to the most outstanding women in 2001.

December 2000: Fund for The City of New York, Union Square Award-grass root activist.

October 24, 2000: Civil Court of City of New York – Certificate of recognition and appreciation of dedicated volunteer services.

2000: Echoing Green Fellowship Recipient – 2-year grant given to passionate individuals with demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles, to launch non-profit organizations to promote positive change

July 1999: Certificate of appreciation for the dedicated volunteer services to the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Summer of 1999: An award for dedicated service to the Colombian & greater Hispanic community, given by the Lion's Club/East Elmhurst, The Colombian Civic Center, Corazon a Corazon, Fundaciones Eudes, Fundacion Puerta de Oro de Colombia and Siempre Colombia.

July 15, 1999: Citation of Honor by the Office of the President of the Borough of Queens, City of New York-Claire Schulman, President.

1999: Initiative for Public Interest at Yale University – one-year grant to recently graduated individuals to provide service to the community

TELEVISION/MEDIA APPEARANCES



The Future of Extended DACA and DAPA Executive Actions, July 2015



NYC Media, Neighborhood Slice Episode 7: Jackson Heights, June 2015.



DR, Ex taxista defiende a inmigrantes latinos, April 23, 2013.



Mercedes Cano, Immigration Lawyer, Mar. 28, 2013.



National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce New York (NGLCCNY) News Blog, 10 Questions with Mercedes Cano, February 7, 2013



Jackson Heights lawyer makes a case for Goldman Sachs 10,000 small businesses at LaGuardia community college, January 29, 2013



Mercedes Cano, abogada colombiana, explica los cambios en asuntos de migración en EEUU, January 4, 2013.



LaGuardia recruits small biz, May 19, 2012.



Congressman Crowley Urges Constituents to Join Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, May 18, 2012.



Programa 10,000 Small Business de Goldman Sachs en LaGuardia busca empresarios, May 16, 2012.



Queens pols and residents honor LGBT contributions at awards ceremony, July 7, 2011



Highly qualified lawyer will head project dedicated to helping at-risk immigrant youth, March 23, 2011



Lottery leech warning green-card seekers are the prey, December 18, 2003



G5, Illegal...to Lawyer: When this immigrant from Colombia counsels the poor at her legal center in Jackson Heights, she knows where they're coming from, March 11, 2001



p.3, QL1, Here's 1 Good Lawyer: She Beats Poverty to Aid Others, February 5, 2001



From homeless newcomer to advocate for immigrants, November 20, 2000



Amnesty is an idea whose day has come, October 14, 1999