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LCLD Program Team



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NICHOLE VELASQUEZ is the Fellows Program Director at the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). She has been with LCLD since 2017 and has held the positions of Fellows Program Manager and LCLD Alumni Director. In her current role, she manages all aspects of the Fellows Program, a year-long professional development program for mid-career attorneys. As LCLD's flagship talent development program, the Fellows Program launched in 2011 with less than 120 attorney participants and has now grown to more than 450 participants in 2022. Nichole's role includes planning the curriculum, choosing speakers and topics that address participant needs, collaborating with Member organizations to host events, communicating regularly with participants, promoting the Program and LCLD to its Members, and attending DEI conferences and events. Her position requires staying on the cutting-edge of leadership development and DEI topics.

Prior to this role, she was the Director of Private Sector Recruitment & Outreach at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. She counseled students on all aspects of their career paths, managed on-campus and regional interview events, maintained and established relationships with private sector employers, and developed professional development programming. She has also been published several times in various trade periodicals.

Nichole has also been a Maryland Assistant Attorney General in the Contracts Litigation Division and a Litigation Associate with the law firm of Whiteford Taylor & Preston LLP in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her J.D. in 2004 from The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University. Nichole lives in the Baltimore-area with her husband Jeff, daughter Kylie, and twin sons Declan and Zachary.

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