

Mercedes Garcia-French

Mercedes is an international attorney with multiple college and master's degrees. She has 10-year working, studying, traveling and living experience in 50 different countries in the European, Asian, South American, The Caribbean and North American job market and traditions. She speaks 4 different languages including English, Spanish, French, and Japanese, which has helped her develop diplomatic and tactful skills with professionals and nonprofessionals of different backgrounds and cultures.

Mercedes received her Bachelor of Art's degree in Economics from Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES) in Ecuador. Mercedes graduated cum laude from law school in Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES) in 2009 in Ecuador.

Mercedes was awarded the NUFFIC scholarship to attend Utrecht University in the Netherlands where she obtained her first master's degree in International Business Law in 2012.

Mercedes worked as a legal counselor for multinationals such as GNC and Gold's Gym where she became familiar with public institution bureaucracy and procedures and international court systems. Mercedes was the head counsel of the biggest instant coffee manufacturer in Ecuador, EL CAFÉ C.A, supervising the legal department where she developed extensive experience in legal research and handling a wide variety of corporate legal matters, construction contracts and labor law. During her years in the legal corporate industry, she handled contracts and all commercial transactions, such as intellectual property, mergers & acquisitions, financial/securities offerings, compliance issues, transactions, lawsuits, and patents. She also drafted and administered labor and construction contracts.

In 2015, Mercedes graduated cum laude from Florida School of Law with an LL.M in American Law.

Mercedes's areas of practice as an American attorney are family law and immigration. As a family law attorney, Mercedes handles dissolution proceedings, child custody, child support, spousal support, property division, guardianships, termination of parental rights, and domestic violence restraining orders.

Mercedes is an active member of the California State bar, the Kern County Bar Association, The Kern County League of United Latin American Citizens, and the Multi-Cultural Bar Alliance.

In her free time, Mercedes enjoys travelling, is an avid hiker, practices bodybuilding, Spartan and obstacle races and half marathons in national parks.



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Florida Coastal School of Law, LL.M., 2015
Utrecht University, LL.M., 2012
Universidad Particular de Especialidades 'Espiritu Santo',
BA, 2009
Kansai Gaidai University (Exchange Program)

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State Bar of California, 2020

Business and Professional Associations:

State Bar of California
LULAC
Multi-Cultural Bar Alliance

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