



## Nicolás (Nico) Q. Galván

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Nicolás (Nico) Q. Galván is an Associate in the firm's Litigation department, where he represents clients at all stages of litigation, from pre-litigation counseling to trial and appeals. Nico has served on the Firm's Inclusion and Engagement Committee and the Associates Committee. While at Columbia Law School, Nico was the *Editor-in-Chief* of the *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*. Prior to attending law school, Nico served as a California State Senate Fellow on the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

### Representative Matters

- Representation of an international medical technology company at trial in the Southern District of New York arising out of breach of contract claims.
- Representation of a New York State public official in a civil defamation suit in New York State appellate court.
- Representation of an international company to investigate potential allegations relating to compliance issues.
- Representation of a global online retailer in a dispute arising from the California Invasion of Privacy Act.

### Pro Bono

- Representation of a criminal justice non-profit in an *amicus* brief in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court advocating for expanded protections under the ineffective assistance of counsel doctrine.
- Representation of an asylum applicant fleeing Pakistan due to persecution based on political opinion.
- Representation of former Department of Homeland Security officials in an *amicus* brief in the U.S. Supreme Court advocating for due process protections for non-citizens during adjustment of legal status applications.
- Representation of a pro client in reinstating terminated Section 8 housing benefits in Hudson Valley, New York.
- Representation of an incarcerated individual to challenge a conviction and sentence in New York State appellate court.
- Representation of leaders of various religions in an *amicus* brief in the Florida Supreme Court challenging the state's 15-week abortion ban.

### Admissions

- New York

- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern District of New York

## Professional Activities

- President & Advisory Board Member, Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University (2023 - Present)
- Member, Programming Subcommittee, Mentoring & Recent Alumni Subcommittee, Columbia Law School Alumni Association (2025 - Present)
- Committee Member, Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee, Columba Alumni Association (2024 - Present)

## Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 2021)
  - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
  - Editor-in-Chief, *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*
  - Thurgood Marshall Moot Court (*formerly known as the Frederick Douglass Moot Court*)
- The New School (B.A./B.F.A., *with honors*, 2016)
  - Student Trustee, The New School Board of Trustees
  - Co-Chair, University Student Senate

## Publications

- *Adopting the Cumulative Harm Framework to Address Second-Generation Discrimination*, 11 COLUM. J. RACE & L. 147 (2020)
- *Motivations and Marketing: Why Aren't Young People Voting and How Do We Get Them to Vote?*, 1 UNDERPOL 101 (2016)

## Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, For People of Color Conference, Latinx Law Students Association at Columbia Law School (2024, 2025)
- Guest Speaker, Exploring the Legal Profession, The New School (2024, 2025)
- Panelist, Corporate Law Panel, Latinx Pre-Law Society at Rutgers University (2024)
- Panelist, Corporate Law Panel, LatinoJustice LAWbound™ Program (2023)

## Languages

- Spanish