

## BIOGRAPHIES

### MARILU RODRIGUEZ, ESQ

Marilu Rodriguez, ESQ., is native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Founded RB Legal Counsel LLC in the fall of 2011. Prior to starting her own law firm, Mrs. Rodríguez spent more than a decade in legal practice. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico*, School of Law in 1997. She worked in her native Puerto Rico as an attorney until 2001, when she enrolled in the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire (now known as UNH School of Law). There she completed her Masters degree (LLM) in Intellectual Property Law. She has held a number of high-profile jobs in the Greater Washington D.C. as a contract attorney for the US Department of Justice and in the Greater Philadelphia while working for Barrack Rodos & Bacine, assisting Senior Partners in securities litigation. From 2006 through 2010 she worked in Reading as In-House Corporate Counsel for EnerSys where she gained valuable experience in the areas of international intellectual property law, particularly in trademarks, licensing and management of IP portfolios. Mrs. Rodríguez has a passion for helping her fellow entrepreneurs in Berks County to grow their businesses, develop strategies to help protect their assets, manage risk, and understand their legal obligations.

Mrs. Rodriguez has been involved with various Non-Profit organizations, either as a member of their Board of Directors or assisting with community initiatives. Her service focused on youth outreach programs and educating the local Reading community as well as individuals from surrounding cities in a variety of legal business topics.

She formerly served on the Board of Directors of United Way Berks and Berks County Latino Chamber of Commerce, where she served in the executive committee as well as the Chairwoman of the Board. She was the first female elected to that post. In addition, she served for two years as a member of the Reading Recreation Commission's "Light Up The Lantern" Event Committee, and assisted with others RRC's initiatives.

She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as part of the Women2Women initiative for Hispanic women: De Mujer a Mujer. In addition, she is a member of the board of the Berks County Community Foundation and is also a member of the PA Small Business Resource Center Advisory Council Board.

Since 2012, Mrs. Rodriguez has been a regular presenter for the Kutztown University SBDC programs/workshops related to legal topics offered to both English and Spanish speaking audiences. Her other interests include spending time with her husband, her two boys, as well as her extended family. In her spare time, she likes to run, play tennis and watch her kids' sports activities.

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#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RELEVANT EVENTS TIMELINE

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##### **Awards & Achievements:**

- \* 2013 First Female Chairperson elected by Berks County Latino Chamber of Commerce
- \* 2014-2015- Recognized by Latino American Who's Who for advancing the culture of the Latino American Business Community
- \* 2015 Excellence Award by Berks County Latino Chamber
- \* 2016- Select Lawyer Award for Intellectual Property Law Practice by Berks County Living

**Volunteer Service & Philanthropic Activities**

- \* 2012-2015- Member of GRCCI Board of Directors
- \* 2012-2015- Member of Board of Directors Berks County Latino Chamber of Commerce
- \* 2013-2014 Member of Executive Committee of Berks County Latino Chamber of Commerce
- \* 2013-2017 Member of Board of Directors United Way Berks
- \* 2014-2017- Member of steering committee of GRCCI "De Mujer a Mujer"
- \* 2015-2017 RRC-Member of Light up the Lantern Committee
- \* 2016 to Present- Member of Board of Directors GRACA- GRCCI Sub-division
- \* 2016 to Present- Member of Board of Directors Berks County Community Foundation
- \* 2012 to Present- presenter for KU SBDC and LBRC on legal topics for business entrepreneurs workshops

**Educational Background**

1994 Bachelors Degree in Business Administration Sciences

University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus

1997 Juris Doctor Degree

Universidad Católica de PR, School of Law

1995-1996- President of ABA Law School Chapter

1996-1997- Member of Law School Student Council

2002 Masters in Law- Intellectual Property

University of New Hampshire School of Law (Formerly known as Franklin Pierce Law School)

**Professional Licenses & Memberships:**

1998 Admitted to practice law Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

1999 Admitted to Practice law Federal Court for the First Circuit

2006 Admitted to Practice law Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

2012-Present- Member of the Berks County Bar Association