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## SPOTLIGHTS

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#### I AM...

- A proud L.A.-born and raised first-generation Chicano, born to immigrant parents from Mexico
- A member of Levitt & Quinn's Leadership Council, a nonprofit family law firm serving working families in L.A.'s under-served communities
- The first in my extended family to have earned an advanced degree, and the first attorney
- A hopeless automotive aficionado, with a particular affinity for older Chevrolet Corvette roadsters
- Afflicted with a case of wanderlust, having visited 13 countries scattered across three continents
- The grateful beneficiary and product of multiple mentorship and educational/professional enrichment programs, beginning at an early age
- A former member of the Santa Monica High School cross-country team turned hiker who enjoys wandering the Santa Monica Mountains
- Still in regular contact with a group of international friends I made while studying abroad in Sweden and Denmark in 2011 and 2015 respectively
- A member of a loyal University of California family, with my two younger sisters and I each earning our degrees from the UC system
- Fortunate to have retained my native fluency in Spanish





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