

ABDIEL LOPEZ-CASTRO

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ASSOCIATE | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE LLP

Mr. Lopez-Castro has been admitted to the following practices and courts: State of Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P. , Houston, TX	4/2024-Present
<i>Associate Attorney</i>	
<i>Law Clerk</i>	5/2023-4/2024
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge David R. Jones , Houston, TX	6/2022-8/2022
<i>Summer Intern</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observe oral arguments• Review case dockets and records• Conduct legal research• Perform citation check• Prepare memoranda	
Tran Singh, LLP , Houston, TX	9/2015-8/2021
<i>Bankruptcy Paralegal & Case Manager</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intake of new clients for chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcies, including interviewing clients and reviewing client responsive documents and required forms and perform due diligence of all new clients.• Draft, prepare and file voluminous chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions, including determining proper exemptions, bankruptcy schedules, chapter 13 plans, and any additional petitions, motions, orders, applications or otherwise as required for management of the respective cases.• Facilitate the effective administration of chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcy cases.• Serve as interpreter for Spanish speaking clients in firm communications and court appearances.• Facilitate hiring, training, and termination of employees.• Prepare for and notify clients regarding case administration and compliance matters, including, without limitation, completion of required credit counseling, scheduling of meetings, court hearing dates and payment arrangements.• Communicate with the trustee's office and creditor's attorneys to, among other things, respond to inquiries and requests for case-related information.• Process and disseminate client invoices; maintain office and client files; monitor, schedule and update attorney calendars and manage office supply inventory.	
Roth & Associates , Houston, TX	2/2014-9/2015
<i>Legal Assistant</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintained personal injury and family law client files; monitored, scheduled, and updated attorney calendars; drafted and disseminated legal documents such as medical records requests, new case filings, discovery, deposition notices, affidavits, and subpoenas; inputted information into file database; processed and updated client invoice and payments; bates labeled, copied, and provided responsive discovery to opposing counsel. Prepared motions, orders, discovery objections and responses, notices, and demand letters for personal injury claims and contract disputes	

EDUCATION

Texas Southern University – Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX

8/2021-12/2023

Juris Doctorate

- Magna Cum Laude, 3.34
- Dean's List: Spring 2022 – Fall 2023

University of Houston - Downtown, Houston, TX

4/2018-5/2020

Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Studies

- Summa Cum Laude, 3.94 GPA
- Dean's List: Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Texas

Houston Bar Association

Houston Young Lawyers Association

Hispanic Bar Association of Houston

Mexican American Bar Association of Houston

National LGBTQ+ Bar Association