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Areas of Practice

Litigation / Trial Practice | White Collar Law | Environmental / Natural Resources Law | Sustainability | Worker Safety and OSHA | Latin America

Laura Jimenez Garcia is an Associate in the Litigation Department of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Ms. Jimenez's practice focuses on White Collar criminal defense, serving individual and corporate clients through all stages of the criminal process. Additionally, Ms. Jimenez Garcia assists clients with traditional environmental issues and OSHA compliance as part of SGR's Environmental, Energy and Sustainability Practice group.

Ms. Jimenez Garcia earned her Juris Doctor *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law. She was the recipient of the Rajesh "Raj" Mehta Memorial Endowment for Family Justice and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund scholarship, which were awarded annually to students based on academic merit and community involvement.

While at the University of Georgia School of Law, Ms. Jimenez Garcia served as the Executive Managing Editor of *Georgia Law Review*, Vice President of the Hispanic and Latino Law Students Association, and Teaching Assistant—all of which demonstrate her passion for mentoring peers and contributing to the academic success of others.

Prior to joining SGR, Ms. Jimenez Garcia completed a judicial internship with the Honorable Steven D. Grimberg at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. While there, she gained valuable experience drafting judicial opinions and orders. Additionally, as student attorney at the Community Health Law Partnership Clinic, Gwinnett Legal Aid, and the DeKalb County Public Defender, she served clients in a variety of criminal and immigration-related matters.

Ms. Jimenez Garcia received her undergraduate degree in Psychology with minors in Chinese Language and Literature and Political Science from the University of Georgia *magna cum laude*. Originally from Colombia, Ms. Jimenez Garcia is fluent in Spanish and is passionate about bridging cultural and language gaps in the legal field.

Admissions

Georgia

Languages

Spanish

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Author, "['Extraordinary' Times Call for 'Compelling' Measures: Reforming the First Step Act's Compassionate Release Mechanism for Noncitizen Detainees](#)", *University of Georgia School of Law*, June 3rd 2024

Recognitions

Rising Star, Georgia Hispanic Bar Association (2025)

Representative Experience

- Represented Japanese engineers in response to DOJ and EPA criminal and administrative investigations
- Defended manager of oil recycling plant indicted for Clean Water Act violations
- Represented medical practice through False Claims Act claim for healthcare fraud
- Represented companies through the OSHA compliance, citation, and appeal process, both through federal and state plans
- Defended alleged labeling violations pursuant to California Proposition 65 claims
- Represented utility company to ensure compliance with EPA's Revised Lead and Copper Rules