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Diego Alfonso Gutiérrez is an Associate on the Corporate, Securities, and M&A Team at Lane Powell, where he advises clients on transactional matters, corporate governance, debt and equity financings, and mergers and acquisitions.

Before law school, Diego volunteered with grassroots organizations, defending immigrant rights and the liberation of trans women under ICE holds in Santa Ana, California. He visited trans women in detention to support their needs and promote public awareness of the widespread abuse trans women faced with ICE guards until successfully pressuring Santa Ana's city government to end its facility contract with ICE.

Diego's personal journey navigating the challenges of living as an undocumented queer immigrant in this country fueled his passion for the law and the political process. He obtained lawful permanent resident status as an adult in his late twenties and became a naturalized U.S. citizen during his first semester of law school.

During law school, Diego cofounded UndocuLaw Northwest, a grassroots organization diversifying the legal field by mentoring and supporting noncitizens in pursuing, financing, and accessing a legal education through webinars, application workshops, and networking opportunities. UndocuLaw has since grown into a national network supported by undocumented law students and attorney volunteers.

Diego's continuing community volunteer work as an attorney also includes his pro bono services with Lewis & Clark's Small Business Legal Clinic, serving as a Region 16 Deputy for the National Hispanic Bar Association, and actively serving on Multnomah Bar Association's Law Fellows Program Task Force, a program committed to diversifying the legal profession in Oregon by providing uniquely qualified law students access to real-life work experience, judicial mentorships, and substantial scholarships.

Diego received his J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School and his B.A. in Political Science, cum laude, from California State University, Fullerton.