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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



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Danielle Hernandez is the founder and principal attorney of DVH Law Group PLLC, established in January 2021. With offices in Tampa, Florida, and Washington, D.C., the firm focuses on humanitarian and family-based immigration law, representing clients before the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. immigration courts and the Department of State. She received a B.A. in liberal arts/psychology from Florida Gulf Coast University, LL.M. in international legal studies from American University Washington College of Law, and a J.D. from Florida A&M University College of Law where she graduated in the top 10% of her class.

Before launching her firm, Hernandez practiced law at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Tampa. She also served as assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, where she litigated hundreds of cases on behalf of the federal government. Earlier in her career, she worked as a political analyst for the federal government, providing updates on Western European affairs, and as a legal associate at the World Bank Group, focusing on international investment arbitration.

A passionate advocate for immigrant communities and civic engagement, Hernandez is a proud first-generation American with Ecuadorian roots. From 2022 to March 2025, she served as president of the Tampa Bay Latin Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the board of the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association.

She is a frequent legal contributor in the media, hosting a weekly "Immigration Update" segment on La Mega 101.1 FM and serving as a guest correspondent for *Todo Tampa Bay* from 2022 to 2024. She regularly appears in local news outlets to provide commentary on immigration issues.

Outside the courtroom, Hernandez enjoys spending time with her son, Henry, and remains deeply involved in her community through outreach, mentorship and education.