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Carmen Ruiz focuses her practice on U.S. immigration law. She works with senior attorneys in preparing submissions to applicable government agencies such as the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and assists clients with employment eligibility verification and compliance. Carmen's practice extends to supporting other Immigration group attorneys in business-related immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions.

Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Carmen's legal experience was focused on probate and estate administration proceedings. Her responsibilities included drafting and reviewing complex estate planning documents, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives, ensuring legal compliance and alignment with clients' unique needs and objectives. She was also responsible for managing the probate process, with emphasis on the marshaling of assets and the preparation and filing of inventories, returns of claims, and final accounts.

While in law school, Carmen interned with the Quinnipiac University Civil Justice Clinic. Her work included researching legal immigration issues, preparing clients for hearings and immigration-related interviews, and representing them in those humanitarian cases. She also served as Vice President of the International Human Rights Law Society.

Services

- Labor, Employment, Benefits + Immigration
- Immigration

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law (Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*)
 - Dean's Fellow, 2020-2023
 - Excellence in Clinical Legal Education and Service to the Law School
 - Distinguished Academic Achievement in Estate and Gift Taxation
- Boston College (Bachelors)
 - B.A., Sociology
 - History and International Studies Minors

Admissions

- State of Connecticut

Languages

- Spanish

Leadership + Memberships

Quinnipiac University

Legal Studies Advisory Board Member

American Immigration Lawyers Association