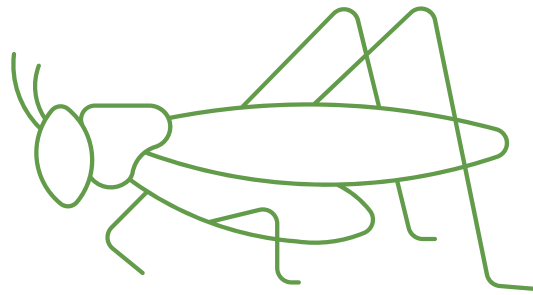


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# SUMMER 2023



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# A NOTE FROM MIKAL AND FRANK

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Watts Guerra takes great pride in its clerkship program. We affectionately call our clerk group “Grasshopper” because like the blind master from the old show “Kung Fu”, our job is to teach and mentor them during their time at the firm. We do this by not only helping them refine their skill set in legal research and writing, but also by exposing them to all the types of things that our lawyers do on a daily basis. This includes trials, mediations, hearings, depositions, and even exposure to the social aspects of the practice of law. In return, Grasshoppers let us borrow their big hearts and brains by producing quality work product that not only benefits our clients but also showcases the quality of our work to the legal community. In short, they make us look damn good.

During this entire process, Grasshoppers are being evaluated and trained to ultimately be considered for a position in “Jedi”, which is our law firm’s affectionate name for our associate lawyers. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to earn a position with Jedi. The summer clerkship is only the first step of many in the Grasshopper’s journey.

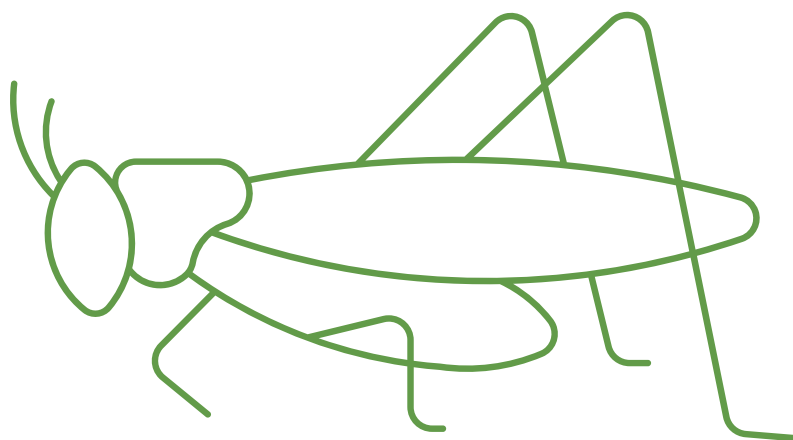
Please welcome our very talented group of Grasshoppers this summer. If they don’t leave here after the summer believing that becoming a lawyer at Watts Guerra would be a dream come true, then we haven’t done our job. Let’s get to work!

*Mikal and Frank*

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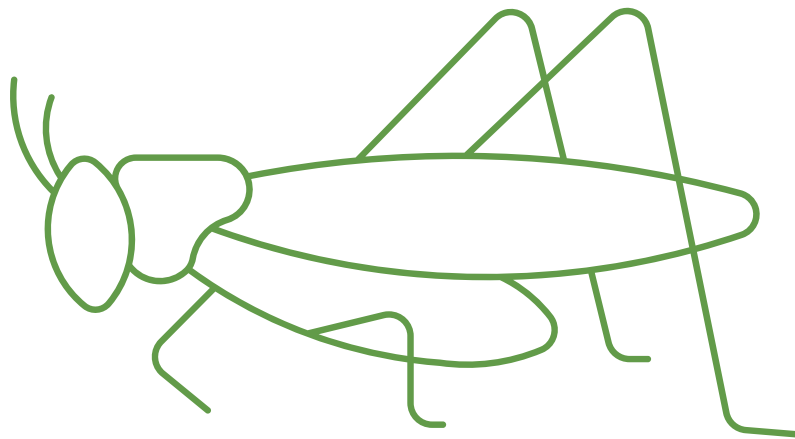


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## MIA ALVAREZ

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J.D. CANDIDATE, MAY 2025

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY, PRE-LAW CONCENTRATION

### ABOUT MIA:

IN HER FREE TIME, MIA LIKES TO GO ON WALKS WITH HER DOGS, HANG OUT WITH HER FRIENDS, AND TRY NEW RESTAURANTS.



## KENDALL BALMER

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
BACHELOR OF ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS  
MINOR IN BUSINESS, MAY 2023

### ABOUT KENDALL:

DURING HER FREE TIME KENDALL LIKES TO SPEND TIME WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY, EXERCISE, BE OUTSIDE OR NEAR ANY BODY OF WATER, AND TRY FUN RECIPES IN THE KITCHEN.



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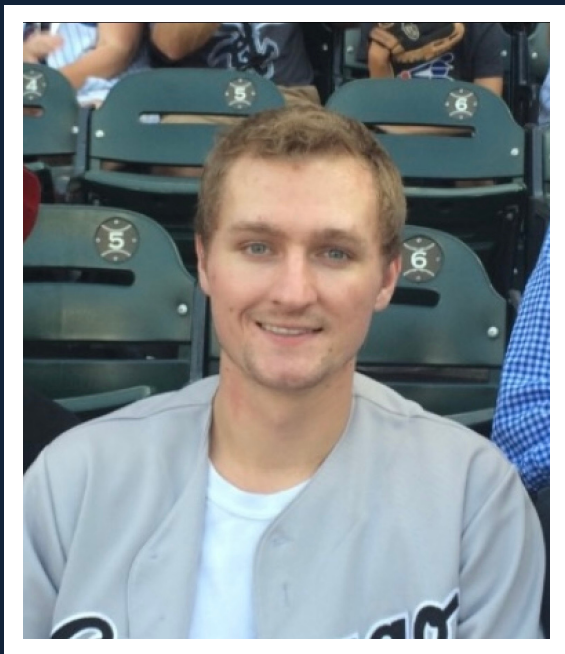


## WILL HULSE

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE MAY 2026**

### ABOUT WILL:

WILL ENJOYS WAKE SURFING AND TEXAS LIVE MUSIC. HE IS ORIGINALLY FROM ALAMO HEIGHTS AND IS AN EAGLE SCOUT.



## MATTHEW MARCIN

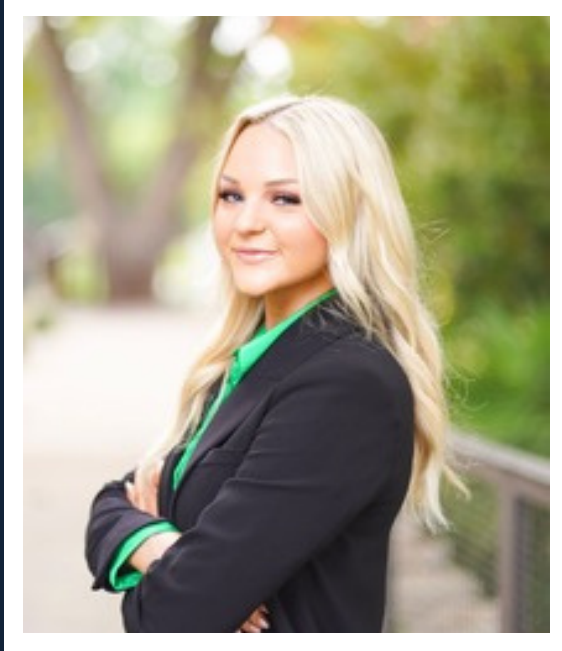
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ECONOMICS**

### ABOUT MATTHEW:

MATT LOVES TO COOK, SPEND TIME WITH HIS FIANCÉE, PLAY TENNIS, BE OUTSIDE WALKING, AND DO BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU CLASSES.

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## RYLEE STANLEY

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, PUBLIC HEALTH;  
MINOR: PHILOSOPHY, MAGNA CUM LAUDE

### ABOUT RYLEE:

RYLEE HAS A DOG, STETSON, THAT SHE LOVES TO SPEND HER FREE TIME WITH AND LOVES TO TRAVEL .



## DANYAL ZAKARIA

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN BUSINESS,  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

### ABOUT DANYAL:

IN HIS FREE TIME, DANYAL LIKES TO PLAY BASKETBALL, GO JOGGING, AND COOK.