

## **Bio (Long Version) for Jorge L. Barón**

Jorge L. Barón has served as the Executive Director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) since April 2008, having previously worked as a staff attorney with the organization for two years. NWIRP is a nationally-recognized legal services organization dedicated solely to advancing and defending the rights of low-income immigrants and refugees. Jorge's passion in advocating on behalf of immigrant and refugees is firmly rooted in his own immigrant experience: he is originally from Bogotá, Colombia, and immigrated to the United States at the age of thirteen. Jorge graduated from Duke University and spent five years working in the film and television industry in Los Angeles, California, before pursuing a legal career. Jorge received his law degree from Yale Law School. After graduation, he served as a law clerk for Judge Betty B. Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Seattle. Jorge then served as an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow at New Haven Legal Assistance Association in New Haven, Connecticut, before moving back to the Pacific Northwest and starting his position at NWIRP.

Jorge has served in various civic groups including the transition committees for Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Deadly Force in Community Policing, and Governor Gregoire's New Americans Policy Council.

In 2017, Seattle Magazine recognized Jorge as one of the most influential Seattleites of the year. And, in 2009, Puget Sound Business Journal selected Jorge as one of "40 under 40," business and nonprofit leaders in the region under 40 years of age. In addition, Jorge has received numerous awards including: the Man of Integrity Recognition from the UW Women's Center (2018); the Roberto Felipe Maestas Legacy Award from El Centro de la Raza (2017); the President's Award from The Washington State Labor Council (2017); the Community Service Award from the Latino/a Educational Achievement Project (LEAP) (2015); the Model of Excellence award from the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (2012); and the Social Justice Visionary Award from Casa Latina (2012).

Jorge has been featured and quoted in numerous local and national publications, including the [Seattle Times](#), the [New York Times](#) and [KUOW](#).

Jorge lives in Seattle with his wife Tyler and their three children Isabella, Luna and Luca.