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Senate-Confirmed DOJ Official • CEO • Nationally Recognized Environmental Law and Policy Leader • Climate Change • Clean Energy Strategies • Sustainability • Crisis Management • Governance • Audit, Risk, Compliance • Government Relations • Decades of Board Experience • Latina Leader



Ignacia S. Moreno is a nationally recognized leader on environmental and natural resources law and policy. During her 34-year career, she has served as the top environmental lawyer at the U.S. Department of Justice, been corporate counsel at the General Electric Co., and practiced at national and international law firms. She also has decades of experience serving on regulatory, university, and nonprofit boards. Ms. Moreno's unique combination of government, corporate, and private sector experience gives her a 360-degree insider's perspective on regulatory, compliance, and enforcement matters, as well as climate change, clean energy, and ESG. She is adept at devising creative and pragmatic solutions. Throughout her career, she has provided strategic advice to companies and organizations to help them assess risk and manage crises, innovate and adapt, and achieve their goals.

Professional Experience

Ms. Moreno was **confirmed by the U.S. Senate in a 93 to 0 vote to lead the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (ENRD)**. From 2009 to 2013, she managed the budget and operations of ENRD, a 650-person (430-lawyer) litigating division ranked twice as the best place to work in the federal government. During her tenure, she led ENRD's response to the **Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill**, the largest oil spill in the nation's history. In response to this national crisis, she devised and oversaw successful response, enforcement, and defensive strategies, led high-level state and federal settlement negotiations, and achieved **record-setting results**. As Assistant Attorney General, she also **oversaw a nationwide docket of 7,000 cases** and matters; **advised and counseled the Attorney General, Cabinet Secretaries, and Executive Agency General Counsel** on matters of national significance; and **testified before Congress**.

Ms. Moreno has decades of experience in private practice and as in-house counsel advising public and private companies on environmental, enforcement, compliance, regulatory, and litigation matters. She is **currently CEO & Founding Principal at The iMoreno Group, PLC**, where she is responsible for the strategic direction and operations of a law firm that provides legal services on environmental and natural resources, corporate, immigration, and criminal defense matters. In her practice, she draws upon her insider's knowledge and government experience to counsel public and private companies. During her career, she has been a **trusted advisor to multinational companies** in the automobile manufacturing, oil and gas, textile, defense, and real estate sectors.

As **in-house counsel at the General Electric Co.**, Ms. Moreno provided advice and counsel to multiple GE businesses (*e.g.*, Energy, Aviation, Lighting) on a wide range of environmental matters under federal and state laws, including on enforcement, regulatory, remedial, due diligence, and natural resources damages relating to scores of sites in the U.S. and abroad.

Over Two Decades of Experience Serving on Regulatory, University, and Nonprofit Boards

- **Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board**, gubernatorial appointment to a four-year term, 2016 to 2020; **elected as Chair of the Board**.
- **George Mason University, Board of Visitors**, gubernatorial appointment to a four-year term, 2018 to 2022. **GMU is Virginia's largest public university with an annual budget of over \$1 billion**; served on the **Executive Committee (elected)**, as **Vice Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee**, and on the **Finance and Land Use Committee**.

- **Trust for Public Land, National Board of Directors**, 2015 to present. TPL is a 50-year-old conservation and equity-focused nonprofit with over \$300 million in total revenues and additions for FY2023; serves on the **Executive Committee (elected)**, **Transactions Committee (elected)**, and as **Chair of the Advocacy Committee**, and served for six years on the **Finance Committee**.
- **Serves on the Advisory Boards** of the **Yale Center for Environmental Justice**, the **Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation (co-chair)**, and the **New York University School of Law Institute for Policy Integrity**.

Select Awards and Commendations

- Recipient of the 2022 Judge Ricardo M. Urbina Lifetime Achievement Award, Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, for outstanding contributions to the Hispanic Community in the areas of equality, fairness, and social justice.
- Recipient of the Hispanic National Bar Association Latina Commission 2022 *Primera Abogada* Award, conferred for excellence in the environmental field and significant contributions to the legal profession and Latino community.
- Recipient of the United States Department of Justice Edmund J. Randolph Award in recognition of outstanding service to the Department of Justice and the Nation, 2013.
- Recipient of Meritorious Public Service Award and Medal from the Department of Homeland Security–United States Coast Guard for outstanding service in initiating and conducting litigation in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and protecting human health and the environment, 2013
- Named one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States by *Hispanic Business Magazine* in 2009 and 1995.

Education and Other Background

- Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University, 1986; Juris Doctor degree from New York University School of Law, 1990.
- Naturalized U.S. citizen born in Cartagena, Colombia; native Spanish speaker.
- Member of the Latino Corporate Directors Association
- Member of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C.
- Member of Hispanics In Energy