

## **Participant Biographies**

### **SPEAKERS**

#### **ALEXANDER A. BERENGAUT Partner, Covington & Burling**

Alexander Berengaut represents clients in civil litigation, international arbitrations and government enforcement proceedings. He has handled a range of arbitral and U.S. court proceedings, including eight trials, and focuses on disputes involving cross-border issues.

Mr. Berengaut's representations have included matters for clients in the technology, defense, energy and financial services sectors. He currently represents several leading technology companies in litigation and compliance matters relating to electronic surveillance, cybersecurity and data privacy.

Covington and Burling is representing the University in the DACA case on a pro bono basis.

#### **MARIA BLANCO Executive Director, UC Immigrant Legal Services Center, University of California, Davis**

María Blanco is the executive director of the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center, which operates out of the UC Davis School of Law to provide immigration-related legal services for undocumented students in the UC system.

A graduate of UC Berkeley, Blanco has more than 20 years of experience as a litigator and advocate for immigrant rights, women's rights and social justice. She most recently served as vice president of civic engagement at the California Community Foundation and led its immigrant integration initiatives.

### **MODERATOR**

#### **CRYSTAL MARTINEZ Director, Education, University of California Office of Federal Governmental Relations**

Crystal Martinez is the Director of Education at the Office of Federal Governmental Relations, UC Office of the President. Martinez, based in Washington D.C., leads the university's federal advocacy efforts on issues related to the U.S. Department of Education, immigration, undocumented students, financial aid, academic preparation, early outreach programs, arts and humanities and more.

For 15 years, Martinez has worked on a wide range of issues including education, housing, immigration, child nutrition, arts and humanities, disabilities and social safety net programs.