

# Erika Berríos - Berríos

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## **Practice Areas**

Discrimination and Harassment Leave and Accommodation Wage and Hour Handbooks and Policies Retail

#### **Overview**

Erika Berríos-Berríos has successfully litigated labor and employment matters in both state and federal courts and administrative agencies. In addition, she has substantial experience representing employers in employment audits conducted by the federal and state agencies and has also gained ample experience representing employers in arbitration proceedings representing private and public employers.

Her experience practicing before courts and administrative agencies, including the Puerto Rico Antidiscrimination Unit, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Fair Labor Standards Bureau, has provided Erika with the ability to wisely advise her clients in making business decisions.

Erika has specific experience providing litigation defense of claims arising under the Puerto Rico Labor and Employment statutes including unjust dismissal claims, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, the American with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

She routinely counsels clients on reorganizations under the Puerto Rico legal framework, leaves of absences, employment contracts, reductions-in-force, internal investigations, disciplinary process, and compliance.

Additionally, Erika frequently conducts training programs and seminars for all levels of management in various industries in the following topics: sexual harassment in the workplace, employment discrimination, diversity and inclusion, domestic violence



protocol, equal pay, internal investigations, and disciplinary and evaluation processes.

Erika's representative clients include retailers, insurers, nonprofit organizations, public corporations, medical device companies, pharmaceutical manufacturers.

## **Professional and Community Affiliations**

- Member, Federal Bar Association, Puerto Rico Chapter
- Member, SHRM Puerto Rico
- Member, Labor Relations Professionals Association

#### Recognition

- Named, Lawyer of the Year, The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico™, 2025
- Named, The Best Lawyers in Puerto Rico<sup>™</sup>, 2024-2025
- Recipient, First Place, Trial Competition, University of Puerto Rico Law School
- Recipient, Highest Civil Law GPA Award, University of Puerto Rico, Law School, 2008
- Recipient, Highest Statistics GPA Award, University of Puerto Rico, 2005

#### Education

J.D., University of Puerto Rico, 2008, *magna cum laude* B.A., University of Puerto Rico, 2005, *magna cum laude* 

#### **Bar Admissions**

Puerto Rico

#### Languages

Spanish English

#### Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit Supreme Court of Puerto Rico U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico

#### **Publications & Press**

Littler Attorneys in Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Portugal, Puerto Rico and Spain Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers™ Editions Press Release November 14, 2024



#### Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q4 2023

*Littler Global Guide Quarterly* January 16, 2024

## Littler Attorneys Named in 2024 Best Lawyers™ for Colombia, Portugal, Puerto Rico and Spain

Press Release November 16, 2023

#### Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q3 2023

*Littler Global Guide Quarterly* October 17, 2023

## New Puerto Rico Military Code: What Puerto Rico Employers Should Know

*Littler ASAP* October 6, 2023

## Sports-Related Employment Law Updates in Puerto Rico

*Littler ASAP* October 6, 2023

# Informal Caregivers in Puerto Rico Do Not Need to Satisfy Threshold Requirements for Requesting Work Schedule Changes

Littler ASAP August 17, 2023

# Hot off the Press: New Labor Reform Bill for Puerto Rico

*Littler ASAP* June 21, 2022

# Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q3 2020

*Littler Global Guide Quarterly* October 22, 2020

# Puerto Rico's New Electoral Code Creates Two Hours of Paid Voting Leave

*Littler ASAP* August 10, 2020

Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q2 2020 Littler Global Guide Quarterly July 23, 2020

Puerto Rico Supreme Court Holds Plaintiffs Bear the Burden of Clearly Asserting in Their Complaints the Elements of Constructive Discharge Claims



*Littler ASAP* April 15, 2020

Puerto Rico DOL Regulations to Administer the Equal Pay Program Will Take Effect on March 14, 2020 Littler ASAP March 6, 2020

Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q3 2019 Littler Global Guide Quarterly October 16, 2019

Littler Pay Equity Assessment<sup>™</sup> Ahora Disponible En Puerto Rico Press Release September 24, 2019

Littler Pay Equity Assessment<sup>™</sup> Now Available in Puerto Rico Press Release September 24, 2019

Puerto Rico Enacts Law Providing Unpaid Leave and Reasonable Accommodation for Victims of Abuse Littler ASAP August 8, 2019

Puerto Rico Supreme Court Holds Act 2's Counterclaim Bar Does Not Preclude Employer's Independent Suit Littler ASAP August 7, 2019

Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q2 2019 Littler Global Guide Quarterly July 17, 2019

Guidelines on the Interpretation of Puerto Rico's Employment Legislation, Chapters 4, 5 and 7 Littler ASAP June 11, 2019

Guidelines on the Interpretation of Puerto Rico's Employment Legislation, Chapters 1-3

*Littler ASAP* June 4, 2019

Puerto Rico Supreme Court Holds that an Employee's Felony Indictment Constitutes Just Cause for Termination Littler ASAP



May 7, 2019

Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q4 2018 Littler Global Guide Quarterly January 16, 2019

Puerto Rico Adopts New Regulation to Administer Unemployment Insurance Littler ASAP

November 28, 2018

Puerto Rico Supreme Court Sets Standard to Apply the Successor Liability Doctrine Littler ASAP

March 15, 2018

Littler Global Guide - Puerto Rico - Q4 2017 Littler Global Guide Quarterly January 19, 2018

Employers Have until January 5, 2018 to Submit Comments on Proposed Regulation Implementing Puerto Rico's Working Hours and Days Act *Littler ASAP* 

December 11, 2017

Puerto Rico Secretary of Labor Issues Opinion Regarding Allowed Payroll Deductions Following Hurricanes Irma and María Littler ASAP November 14, 2017

Deadline to Make Contributions and File Quarterly Unemployment and Disability Tax Report in Puerto Rico Extended until December 15, 2017 Littler ASAP October 25, 2017

Puerto Rico Secretary of Labor and Human Resources Issues New Guidelines Governing Payment of the Christmas Bonus Littler ASAP October 23, 2017

Puerto Rico Secretary of Labor Issues Opinion Regarding Employee Compensation Following Hurricanes Irma and María Littler ASAP October 18, 2017



#### Puerto Rico Approves Major Reform of its Employment Laws

*Littler ASAP* January 26, 2017

# **Events & Speaking Engagements**

**2024 Puerto Rico Regional Employer Conference** San Juan November 15, 2024

**2023 Puerto Rico Employer Conference** San Juan April 27, 2023

# V Conferencia Anual en Perú

September 5, 2019

**2019 Puerto Rico Conference** San Juan April 12, 2019

# 2018 Littler Puerto Rico Conference

San Juan April 19, 2018

#### 2017 Littler Global Puerto Rico Conference

San Juan April 7, 2017

#### Puerto Rico Labor Reform 2017: What You Need to Know

San Juan February 16, 2017