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## Biography

Barbara Miranda, the director of investigations at Sequor Law, focuses her practice on domestic and international asset tracing and recovery investigations, as well as fraud, corruption, domestic and international judgment enforcement litigation. Prior to joining Sequor Law, Barbara worked for an international investigative firm as a licensed investigator conducting and overseeing asset search, due diligence, corruption, country risk, patent infringement, competitive intelligence, location and surveillance investigations. Barbara also conducted anti-money laundering compliance reviews in the USA and Latin America and assisted in drafting and implementing anti-bribery compliance programmes for US and Latin American companies in the wake of identified FCPA or other related violations.



*What motivated you to specialize in asset tracing and recovery investigations?*

My general motivation in becoming an attorney and investigator was being able to help people. Asset tracing and recovery investigations are merely an extension of this. The amount of individuals that either: 1) have been the victims of fraud; or 2) have judgments or arbitral awards that they have not been able to collect on, is remarkable. Being able to assist these individuals in recovering is well worth the time and effort involved in these investigations.

*What qualities do you think make for a successful asset recovery expert?*

Being inquisitive is an essential quality. This allows you to continue digging for information and dismantling complex corporate structures to identify additional assets.

*What types of matters have you worked on recently?*

Domestic and international judgment and arbitral award enforcement.

*How have virtual assets and digital currencies changed the practice of asset recovery?*

Given the lack of regulation and case law, virtual assets and digital currencies created obstacles that asset recovery practitioners are steadily overcoming as more knowledge is gained by both the

practitioners and the judiciaries hearing the cases involving these types of assets.

*What are some of the most effective tools at the disposal of asset recovery specialists in the course of litigation proceedings?*

In the U.S., the ability to issue subpoenas to third parties is an invaluable tool, which allows us to obtain documents and/or testimony to uncover directly or indirectly held assets, nominees, aiders and abettors, as well as develop an understanding of how the ownership of assets is structured.

*How do you see the asset recovery field developing over the next few years?*

I believe the field will continue to grow in developing methods to identify and seize virtual assets and digital currencies, which is currently a difficult and novel area.

*How does Sequor distinguish itself from the competition?*

Our years of experience and internal investigation capabilities set us apart.

*What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?*

There are no coincidences. When it comes to asset tracing, connections are never a coincidence. These "coincidences" lead to either nominees or other valuable sources of information.

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**Peers and clients say:** *"Barbara adds significant value to large-scale asset tracing and fraud cases"*

*"Her vast experience working for investigation firms adds a lot to her approach and strategy."*