



## Marisa Arrona

[Marisa Arrona](#) joined the Impact Fund in September 2003 as our *Equal Justice Litigation Fellow*. Ms. Arrona earned a Bachelor of Public Administration, with Honors, in 1999 from the University of San Francisco, and her J.D. in 2003 from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to law school, Ms. Arrona spent four years working with various community groups in San Francisco - she was a group leader for youth empowerment programs, a Spanish/English translator in support groups for women surviving domestic violence, and a mentor with the Mission Girls' Services/YWCA. While a law student, Ms. Arrona was the Editor-in-Chief of Production, and then the Executive Editor, of the *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*, and she served on the Admissions Committee, the Coalition for Diversity, and the La Raza Students Association; she also clerked at Bay Area Legal Aid in Oakland and interned at U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's office in San Francisco.

Ms. Arrona also spent nearly three years tracking the Intervenor's case in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 123 S. Ct. 2325 (U.S. 2003), from oral argument in the U.S. District Court, E.D. of Michigan, to its final result in the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Court held, *inter alia*, that the University of Michigan Law School had a compelling interest in attaining a diverse student body. Ms. Arrona's work on the *Grutter* case included traveling to Michigan and Washington, D.C. for oral arguments, meeting with students from across the country as well as counsel for the Intervenor, co-organizing teach-ins at Boalt Hall about the case, and focusing an entire issue of the *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal* on the student Intervenor's involvement in the *Grutter* case.

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