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Mrs. Elvia M. Camayd-Vélez holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM), and a *Juris Doctor* from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico (PCUPR), graduated both *cum laude*. After graduating from PCUPR's Law School, Mrs. Camayd-Vélez was admitted to practice before the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and was appointed Regional Director for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's Arecibo Region Department of Consumers Affairs. In 1999, she entered the academic realm as UPRM's Chief Legal Counsel, a position she held until August 2008.

In 2009, she obtained a Law Masters Degree in Intellectual Property from The Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire. Her relevant course work during this time included Technology Licensing, Copyright Licensing, Intellectual Property Management, Patent and Copyright Laws, Biotechnology & the Law, Non-Profit Technology Transfer and Managing Knowledge Assets in the University, among others.

Mrs. Camayd-Vélez currently works at UPRM as an Assistant Researcher of Engineering, where she offers the interdisciplinary course *Intellectual Property for Scientists & Engineers*, and *Legal Aspects I*, a core course for the Surveying Engineering Program. She is also the Coordinator for UPRM's Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer Office. As such, she is responsible for advising and educating the University's administration, faculty members and students on Intellectual Property (IP) and technology transfer matters, focusing on sponsored (industry and government) research agreements negotiation. Mrs. Camayd-Vélez supports UPRM researchers in the process of moving forward their inventions to the Commercialization Stage.

Mrs. Camayd-Vélez has been consulted at different times by members of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico regarding the promulgation of IP and technology transfer related legislation to improve Puerto Rico's competitiveness in such areas. She has worked in different initiatives to promote effective interactions among the private sector, government agencies and UPRM, enabling the exchange of knowledge and expertise. She is currently the PI for the Virtual Institute for Innovation (vi²), a professional networking interface aimed to facilitate collaboration among all participating parties to improve their competitiveness by promoting innovation, technology transfer, and entrepreneurship.

Mrs. Camayd-Vélez is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Association of University Technology Managers, the Puerto Rico Bar Association, and the Puerto Rico Bar Intellectual Property Commission.