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## Cristina Lujan – An International Career Path to Frankel Sims Law

At Frankel Sims Law, we have a strong commitment to mentoring our attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants. A particularly fond example of this mentorship involves Cristina Lujan, a paralegal at our firm, who recently completed her final year at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Cristina was already a lawyer in Mexico when she came to the United States as an Au Pair to improve her English skills. Jane's family had the good fortune of being Cristina's host family when she arrived in Baltimore. While serving as an Au Pair, Cristina received an M.B.A. online from a prominent university in Mexico, and Jane encouraged her to obtain an L.L.M. degree so that she could practice law in the U.S.

Cristina had always intended to go home to her family in Northern Mexico at the end of her 2 year term as an Au Pair, but during her time here the drug cartel violence in her hometown posed such a danger that her parents discouraged her from returning to Mexico. Instead Cristina continued her studies in the U.S., and soon met her future husband Marcos. After they married, we helped Cristina become a legal permanent resident of the U.S. and hired her as a paralegal at our firm. Last year, Cristina proudly became a U.S. citizen and graduated from the international L.L.M. program at the University of Baltimore School of Law for which FSL paid a portion of her tuition. Cristina is now studying for the Maryland Bar, and we look forward to having her as our next new attorney at the firm.

At FSL, Cristina manages the estate administration arm of the firm. Seeing Cristina in the office every day and knowing how far she has come on her personal and professional journey is so rewarding. Congratulations Cristina! You are truly an example of hard work and determination - and we are fortunate to have you on our team.



Tegan Williams as Antonio and David Forrer as Sir Toby Belch. Photo by Will Kirk.

## FSL Attorney, David Forrer, Performs in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at Boordy Vineyards

They say you can't judge a book by the cover – so is the case with FSL's David Forrer – attorney by day and thespian by night. David recently performed in *Twelfth Night*, or What You Will for the Baltimore Shakespeare Factory, a nonprofit organization that entertains, educates, and enriches the Baltimore community by creating performances that inspire audiences with the wonder of William Shakespeare's plays and language. As with all Shakespeare Factory productions, *Twelfth Night* was presented using the staging conditions of Shakespeare's day. The production was presented at Boordy Vineyards in Hydes Maryland. Bravo David, Bravo.