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FROM WRITING TO HOSTING, LAW TO FINANCE, Mona Parsa, Esq. takes her experience and talents to the books, to the mic, and to advocacy. A former Miss Teenage Laguna Niguel titleholder, Miss Teenage California finalist, and a 2015 Woman on the Move as named by *We Magazine for Women*, Mona has been seen working with national and international organizations such as the State Department's U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), and can be found speaking and hosting throughout the region.

Underpinning Mona's work and activities is the passion to empower others with the means to live a purposeful life. As an attorney and finance professional, she provides contracts review and assistance for those on the road to pursuing their dreams, provides immigration assistance to entrepreneurs and artists looking to pursue their calling in the U.S., and works with these same and other clients in protecting assets their hard work has accumulated via estate and financial planning. Mona's work in law and finance, then, have groundings in her passion to encourage individuals to achieve their highest potential—for the benefit of society's hearts, minds, and unmitigated advancement. It is this fiery drive that makes her a sought-after advocate.

Spurred by the belief that understanding and empowerment can be fostered through communication—in any form—Mona's name can be seen on paper and her presence behind the mic. Her award-winning children's book, *And So You Were Born*, encourages a purpose-led life for youngsters and was granted the 2014 Moonbeam Children's Book Award. And, for technology-loving little ones, *ASYWB* is accompanied by its interactive, first-of-its-kind book app version for the iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch, which has landed in the TOP 100 Book Apps in the U.S. iTunes App Store and on top charts in countries on nearly every continent around the world.

Other published work includes the *Legal Briefs on Immigration Reform from 25 of the Top Legal Minds in the Country* (an immigration reform resource book with contributions from notable legal figures), and her legal articles have been featured in papers worldwide, along with her contributions to various websites.

Taking the importance of communication to another notch, Mona was prompted to launch LegalGreenRoom.com to empower her generation with legal literacy for their personal and professional lives. Deemed hip legal news for millennials, the site covered the interplay between law and trending stories, presenting thought-provoking questions and delivering the law in simplified language for the non-legal audience via webisodes, articles and on and off-camera interviews with celebrity guests.



Mona's speaking and hosting work extends beyond the Legal Green Room. Lively and with an innate ability to engage and hold the interest of an audience, she is sought after time and again for a variety of events. For years, she has presented living trust seminars statewide for California's largest revocable living trust law firm, has served as a high school Street Law instructor for at-risk and learning-disabled youth on civil rights and responsibilities, and currently focuses her public educational endeavors on estate and financial planning. She has studied with the queen of hosting, Marki Costello ("Drama Queen", E!), and is emcee of Soul Food, a decade-long running monthly event featuring

soulful readings and musical performances from the likes of Grammy-nominated singers and songwriters. Mona has also been seen throughout Southern California speaking for and emceeding various events sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen and other charitable organizations.