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Dean Saavedra grew up in Tampa, FL, and is a proud honors graduate of Hillsborough High School's International Baccalaureate Program. She attended Wellesley College, graduating in 2001, magna *cum laude*, with a major in English and a minor in Economics. After working for two years as a legal assistant at Sherman & Sterling, Dean Saavedra attended Columbia Law School, where she graduated as a Stone Scholar in 2006. While at Columbia, she was an active member of the then-Latinx Law Students Association (LaLSA), the Columbia Law Women's Association, and the Journal of Gender and Law. She also had the privilege of serving as a judicial extern for then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals through Columbia's Appellate Externship class.

Dean Saavedra began her legal career as an associate in the Business Finance and Restructuring department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where she had the privilege of working with her mentor and former Columbia Law Professor, Harvey R. Miller, including as his teaching assistant to his course on Corporate Restructuring. Dean Saavedra transitioned to an in-house position at Nomura Securities, where she provided legal counsel on a wide variety of insolvency law related matters. Dean Saavedra then joined Goldman Sachs & Co. as a Vice President in its Conflicts Resolution Group, with a focus on reputational risk. In 2017, Dean Saavedra chose to pursue a career in academia and public service. She served as a volunteer (and then full-time) law clerk to the Honorable Stacey L. Meisel of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (Newark). In this capacity, Dean Saavedra gained first-hand knowledge of the demands of a federal clerkship; the challenges of judicial administration; and the value, and joys, of public service.

Dean Saavedra is the author of numerous articles, and a former Lecturer-in-Law for Advanced Corporate Restructuring, which she co-taught with the Honorable Robert E. Gerber of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. In 2023, LaLSA honored her with their Distinguished Alumni Public Sector Award. She is the proud mother of two young women.

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Giselle, may this be the first performance of this reenactment, but not its last!