

Brazilian immigrant brings passion for justice to the law

Former exchange student returns as lawyer

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Pamella Nogueira is a new attorney working for the Guy Glenn Law Firm.

her language skills rapidly improved. She loved the Hansons and the other locals she got to know.

"It was probably the best experience of my life. The people were so nice. It was incredible," Nogueira recalled. Although Raymond couldn't be more different than her busy tropical hometown, she felt totally at home.

"I like the rain, I like the green, I like the quietness," Nogueira said.

High-speed higher education

Nogueira started studying law at a Brazilian university, but eventually, both she and her sister — another attorney who now works as an auditor at a large Chicago accounting firm — decided to try their luck in the U.S.

Nogueira enrolled in an intensive English program at Tacoma's Pacific Lutheran University. It was supposed to take six months, but Nogueira powered through the curriculum. After three months, her advisors ran out of work for her to do, and cut her loose. She registered at a community college and began earning the credits she needed to transfer to an American university.

When she enrolled at University of Washington,

Tacoma, her advisors told her she couldn't study law as an undergraduate, so she had to pick another major.

"I said, 'OK, which ones can I take the fun classes with?'" Nogueira remembered. The advisors suggested a major in "politics, philosophy and economics."

"They promised me I only had to take one more economics class, so that was OK!" Nogueira laughed. That major allowed her to take lots of classes about human rights — a topic she's still passionate about. She graduated about a year later, in August 2012.

"I'm not a fan of school, so I hurry a bit," Nogueira joked. "If I know I have to get it done, I just do it."

Commuting to law school

By the time she entered University of Washington Law School, Nogueira was dating her future husband, Todd Maneman, a Raymond electrician, so she decided to commute to law school.

Typically, UW's competitive, highly demanding law program takes three years, but Nogueira asked her advisors

if she could get it done in two years. They thought she was nuts.

"Those advisors had no faith in me!" Nogueira said. "They told me, 'You can't do it.' I said, 'Well, I'll see you later then, after I get my degree!' I didn't sleep much." Nogueira took enormous course-loads, waking up as early as 3 a.m., to drive to Seattle as much as five days a week, often while working part time.

At the end of the first year, she had to do an externship for school credit. She clerked for Pacific County Superior Court Judge Michael Sullivan, which involved keeping records, preparing reports about upcoming cases, and doing legal research. Nogueira liked working for Sullivan so much that she extended her externship, and even continued volunteering for a couple of months after it ended. That experience proved invaluable, as it helped her get to know the local members of the legal community, including her future employers attorneys Guy Glenn and Nate Needham, of Guy Glenn Law Firm in Long Beach.

During her last couple

of terms, her school schedule was less demanding, but Nogueira was still going full-steam. In March 2015, she started working as a "Rule Nine intern" for Guy Glenn Law Firm, meaning that she could perform limited legal duties, under supervision from experienced attorneys.

Battle of the bar

Nogueira finished law school in August, about a year before most of her peers, and married Maneman in a simple ceremony in December. She had one remaining obstacle standing between her and full-fledged attorney status: The bar exam.

Few law students graduate ready to take the notoriously difficult test, Nogueira said. In 2015, about 77,000 U.S. law students took the bar, and just 59 percent of them passed, according to the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Nogueira sat for the bar in February. It was a relief to be done, but she didn't allow herself to believe she was really done until after she received her test score in April.

"I had to Google it. After I Googled it, I still didn't quite buy it. It took me a couple of hours to believe I actually had passed," Nogueira remembered.

Practicing law locally

Nogueira finds a sense of purpose in practicing law in a rural community.

"It's an opportunity of making sure that our rights are being respected, and things are done the proper way. Even if a person is guilty, they deserve to have a fair, just, proportional punishment," Nogueira said.

These days, she's taking on bigger, more complex

cases at Guy Glenn. Outside of the courtroom, this involves lots of research, conducting interviews, and negotiating with prosecutors to get fair deals for her clients, Nogueira said.

As a member of the drug court panel, Nogueira helps supervise offenders who have been given a chance to get serious about sobriety, in lieu of jail time or other traditional punishments. The offenders have to take drug tests, follow a 12-step program and consistently update the panel on their progress. Nogueira says she is "passionate" about alternative programs like drug court — she believes they have real potential to help people with mental illnesses or addictions break out of the often endless cycle of poverty, crime and incarceration.

"I feel that sometimes, these people are not being given a proper response to their actions. I feel that sometimes we don't have the proper response," Nogueira said. "They keep reoffending, reoffending, reoffending. If jail didn't work once, it didn't work twice, it didn't work three times, is it going to work the fourth time?"

Given her fondness for staying busy, perhaps it's not surprising that Nogueira moved pretty seamlessly from school to career without ever taking a real break. After keeping up such a demanding schedule during her whirlwind educational spree, she said, settling into "real life" in her adopted hometown almost feels like a vacation.

Laughing, Nogueira said, "I'm still trying to figure out what people do for hobbies, now that I only have one full-time job!"

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	500 Questions (N)				Fresh Off the Boat	Fresh Off the Boat	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	500 Questions (N)				Fresh Off the Boat	Fresh Off the Boat	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Auditions" (N)				Maya and Marty in Manhattan (P) (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Personal Day"		NCIS: New Orleans		Person of Interest (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Personal Day"		NCIS: New Orleans		Person of Interest (N)		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Auditions" (N)				Maya and Marty in Manhattan (P) (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) KRCW 3	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Flash "The Man Who Saved Central City"		Containment "Inferno" (N)		KGW News at 10	(35) Two 1/2 Men	(35) King of Hill	
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Genealogy Roadshow "Houston" (N)		Secret Dead "Jamestown's Dark Winter"		Frontline "The Fantasy Sports Gamble"		Pacific Heartbeat	"Waiting for John"
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Hotel Hell "Vienna Inn" (N)		Coupled "Chemical Attraction" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Walking Dead "A"		The Walking Dead	"No Sanctuary"
13	KCPQ	(13) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hotel Hell "Vienna Inn" (N)		Coupled "Chemical Attraction" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	Modern Family
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Separation Anxiety "Jeff and Luke" (N)		Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) MLB Baseball	Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (L)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Min./N.Y. (L)	30 for 30 "Bellevue"				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight (L)		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 Shorts
31	NICK	(31) SpongeBob	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) K.C. Undercover "Runaway Robot"	Girl Meets World	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover		Bunk'd	Friends Whenever	Friends Whenever	Friends Whenever	K.C. Undercover	Austin & Ally
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	★ Dumb and Dumber (1994, Comedy)	Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly, Jim Carrey.				★ ★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop ('09, Comedy)	Keir O'Donnell, Jayma Mays, Kevin James.			The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (4:00) This Is 40	(45) ★ ★ Marley and Me (2008, Drama)	Jennifer Aniston, Eric Dane, Owen Wilson.				(05) FXM Presents	★ ★ Marley and Me (2008, Drama)	Jennifer Aniston, Eric Dane, Owen Wilson.		Owen Wilson.	(50) FXM Presents
36	LIFE	(36) Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Dance and Chat		Roots The history of a slave and his descendants in America. Pt. 2 of 4 (N)				To Be Announced	
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Cliff Diving	Mariners Access	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash.				Post-game		UFC Knockouts (N)		UFC Unleashed "UFC Flyweights" (N)	
39	FST	(39) (5:30) UEFA Soccer	Champions League A. Madrid vs R. Madrid	UFC Knockouts	Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live		TMZ Sports (N)	Best I Heard (N)			Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live
43	SPiKE	(43) Cops	Jail	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show	The Nightly Show
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars		Counting Cars	Counting Cars	(05) Forged in Fire		(05) Forged in Fire	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Night Out/One Gram"		Roots "Part 1" Kunta resist his new name and enslavement in America. Pt. 1 of 4		Roots "Part 2" Kunta fathers a woman who will believe in freedom. Pt. 2 of 4 (N)		Roots "Part 2" Kunta fathers a woman who will believe in freedom. Pt. 2 of 4 (N)		(05) Roots "Part 2" Pt. 2 of 4		People "A Roloff Winter Wonderland"	
47	TLC	(47) OutDaughtered "Quintuple Trouble"		Little People "Seeds of Change"		People "A New Kind of Thanksgiving"		Little People, Big World (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		People "A Roloff Winter Wonderland"	
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Cold War"		Deadliest Catch "Winter is Coming"		Deadliest Catch "Into the Gale" (N)		Deadliest Catch "Proving Grounds"		The Last Alaskans "Fire and Ice" (N)		Deadliest Catch "Proving Grounds"	
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "Ghosts of Winter"		Life Below Zero "Breaking Through"		Life Below Zero "Shakedown"		Life Below Zero "Ghosts of Winter"		Life Below Zero "No Boundaries"		Life Below Zero "Ghosts of Winter"	
50	TNT	(50) Castle "Veritas"		Castle "For Better or for Worse"		Castle "Driven"		Castle "Montreal"		Castle "Clear and Present Danger"		Castle "Child's Play"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:45) ★ ★ ★ The Breakfast Club ('85)	Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson.			★ ★ ★ What Women Want (2000, Comedy)	Helen Hunt, Marisa Tomei, Mel Gibson.					The Breakfast Club ('85) Judd Nelson.	
52	AMC	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hell"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N) First Impres (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Chop on Through"		Chopped "Without Missing a Beet"		Chopped Junior "Pasta Love" (N)		Chopped "Beg, Borrow Or Eel"		Chopped "Deadliest Baskets" (N)		Chopped "Hero Chefs"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Fixer Upper	
56	FX	(56) (5:30) ★ ★ ★ Star Trek (2009, Sci-Fi)	Zachary Quinto, Eric Bana, Chris Pine.			★ ★ ★ Star Trek: Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi)	Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.					Star Trek: Into Darkness Chris Pine.	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360 "Trump Town Hall"		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas Investors "A Time to Grill"		West Texas "High Planes Drifter"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Below Deck "Game Time"		Below Deck "Model Checkhands"		Below Deck "Lovesick Danny"		Below Deck: Mediterranean (N)		Tour Grp "Tantra? I Hardly Know Ya" (N)		Below Deck: Mediterranean	
64	TCM	(64) Movie	★ ★ ★ Breaking Away ('79, Drama)	Dennis Christopher, Daniel Stern, Dennis Quaid. ★ ★ ★ ★ The 400 Blows ('59, Dra)	Jean-Pierre Léaud, Claire Maurier, Patrick Auffay. ★ ★ ★ ★ Yankee Doodle Dandy ('42)	James Cagney.							
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	★ ★ ★ The Fifth Element (1997, Sci-Fi)	Milla Jovovich, Gary Oldman, Bruce Willis.				★ ★ ★ The Mummy (1999, Adventure)	Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.			The Wolfman ('10)	
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattleman	American Harvest	Horse. "Rescue Horse Rehabilitation"	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen		American Harvest		Product Showcase	

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