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Nicole M. Torres-Ripple is In-House Counsel for the NMI Settlement Fund. Prior to joining the Settlement Fund in 2016, she served as the law clerk to the Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court, for over two years. Nicole is admitted to practice law in the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Nicole grew up in Gualo Rai, Saipan, and graduated high school from Grace Christian Academy. She is married to James W. K. Ripple, PE, and they share three rambunctious dogs.