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Ramona Emilia Romero is the Vice President and General Counsel of Princeton University. She joined the University's senior leadership team in December 2014 after serving as the general counsel of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a position to which she was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Earlier in her career, Romero worked at E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (DuPont) in a variety of legal roles, and as a commercial, white collar and government contracts litigator at Crowell & Moring LLP in Washington, D.C.

Romero serves on the Board of Trustees of TIAA. Consistent with her history of volunteer service to the non-profit sector, she is currently on the boards of Legal Services of New Jersey and the National Association of Women Lawyers, and a member of the U.S. Presidential Commission on White House Fellowships. Her past experience includes service on the governing boards of Barnard College, the McCarter Theatre Center, Greater Trenton, Inc., The Justice at Stake Campaign, the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula, and the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, as well as the Advisory Committee of The O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative at the University of Denver. She is a former National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), and the founder of the HNBA's Latina Commission.

Romero's leadership and contributions have resulted in numerous awards and recognitions, including the HNBA's President's Award, the Hispanic Bar of D.C.'s Ricardo M. Urbina Lifetime Achievement Award, the Virginia S. Mueller Outstanding Member Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Platinum Award from the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, The Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award from Dickinson Law School, the Lucero ("guiding star") Award from Latino Justice PRLDEF, and twice being identified by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States.

An immigrant from the Dominican Republic, Romero holds a B.A. from Barnard College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute.