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EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Miami, FL **July 2025 – Present**

Assistant Professor

Teach first year Legal Skills and Values I and II, with an emphasis on comprehensive legal research, objective and persuasive writing, appellate advocacy, professionalism, and bar readiness. Teach Judicial Process, focusing on judicial decision making and the role of courts. Also teach International Human Rights: Human Trafficking as part of FIU Law's study abroad program in Seville, Spain, examining domestic and international enforcement mechanisms and remedies for trafficking survivors.

GF IMMIGRATION LAW, P.A., Miami, FL

Aug. 2024 – June 2025

Attorney Supervisor

Managed the RFE and Appeals Department, supervising law clerks and attorneys, setting weekly goals, and coordinating workflows to ensure timely filings. Oversaw recruitment, training, and mentorship of attorneys, law clerks, and case writers. Designed and implemented streamlined case flows, templates, and procedures for appeals, significantly improving firm-wide efficiency. Built and expanded the firm's Removal Defense practice, leading the creation of case structures, training programs, and strategic hiring to ensure long-term growth and sustainability.

IMMIGRATION GROUP, LLP, Miami, FL

Nov. 2022 – Dec. 2023

Senior Litigation Attorney

Represented detained and non-detained clients nationwide in removal proceedings before EOIR, including Immigration Courts and the BIA, as well as before USCIS and ICE. Drafted and filed a wide range of legal documents, including motions, briefs, relief applications, PSG statements, and oppositions to DHS's filings, in addition to preparing immigration petitions and supporting evidence before USCIS. Facilitated training sessions for staff and attorneys.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, San Antonio, TX / New York, NY / Miami, FL **Sep. 2019 – Nov. 2022**

Attorney Advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)

Selected for the prestigious DOJ Honors Program. Provided direct support to Immigration Judges by drafting signature-ready court orders, bench memoranda, and practice guidelines. Conducted in-depth research and analysis on complex immigration law issues—including asylum, withholding of removal, and CAT protection—and monitored, interpreted, and synthesized BIA and federal circuit precedent, regulations, and agency policies to brief judges and attorneys on their implications.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 2014 – May 2015

Huntington Fellow

Conducted legislative research and facilitated training sessions for visiting patrons on research methods.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC **May 2019**

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*

Activities: Law Review, Managing Editor
Immigration and Human Rights Clinic
Community Development Law Clinic
Civil Procedure Teaching Assistant
Research Assistant

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, Miami, FL **Dec. 2015**

Master of Business Administration

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, FL **May 2013**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in International Relations

BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar (Active Member in Good Standing)
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
American Immigration Lawyers Association (“AILA”)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

College of Law Committee: *Adjunct Review*
Faculty Specialized Advising: *U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program*
AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section, *Diversity Committee*