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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Master of Laws in Advocacy with Distinction, awarded October 2010.

Activities: Taught, supervised, and evaluated third-year students in a clinical litigation course.
Participated in course work directed at pedagogical approaches to classroom and clinical litigation teaching.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL, Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor, awarded May 2002.

Honors: Clarence Darrow Merit Scholar: Awarded full three-year tuition scholarship plus stipend.
Juan Tienda Scholarship Recipient: Awarded to outstanding first-year Latine law students.
Bodman-Longley Award: Awarded to members of the *Michigan Law Review* editorial board.

Activities: *Michigan Law Review*: Executive Editor, Volume 100.
Latino Law Students Association: First Year Representative, Admissions Liaison for two years.
Child Advocacy Law Clinic, student attorney.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Plan II Honors (selective program encompassing classic liberal arts curriculum); Second major in Spanish literature with a minor in Portuguese, awarded May 1999.

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*
Awarded Highest Honors and Special Honors.
1998-1999 Dean's Distinguished Graduate in the Liberal Arts (one of thirteen selected in college).
Merit Scholar: Awarded full five-year tuition scholarship plus stipend.

Thesis: *A critical evaluation of the Weed & Seed program*
Awarded Model Thesis Distinction.

Activities: Liberal Arts Council (student government); elected to Board.

LA UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE, Madrid, Spain

Student with the Institute for European Studies, 1997-1998.

Honors: Adelyn Dougherty Urban Issues Scholarship (one national recipient): awarded half-tuition stipend for study abroad program.
Superior Certification in Business Spanish.
Lead role in Spanish-language University theatre production.

Thesis: Spanish language thesis on "The Sociology of Urban and Suburban Neighborhoods in Madrid" (as translated from Spanish).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Summer 2019 – Summer 2025.

Responsibilities:

- Administered the J.D. program, including the study abroad program.
- Managed development and administration of LLM, J.D./MBA, and BA/J.D. academic programs.
- Supervised Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Records, Legal Writing Program, Co-Curriculars (three moot court and trial advocacy teams and two law journals) and Academic Success and Bar Preparation office personnel and budgets.
- Supervised the administration of the Clinical Law Center, including the externship and pro bono programs.
- Managed and supervised Office of Records, including establishing and distributing grading deadlines and grade submission, grade posting, bar admission certifications, character and fitness reviews, graduation certification, determination of class ranks and honors designation.
- Approved student practice certifications for students in relevant clinics.
- Collaborated with the executive team on admission decisions to establish incoming classes that meet our mission goals, class number targets, and retention goals after presumed melt rate and the consideration of visiting and transfer students.
- Administered many aspects of the Student Handbook, including academic dismissal procedures, academic probation, and academic support programming.
- Managed course loads and teaching schedules with faculty.
- Completed all assessments of the academic program, including Howard University assessments, ABA annual questionnaires, AALS assessment, and U.S. News & World Report annual reporting.
- Recruited, vetted, and hired adjunct faculty.
- Direct coordination with University H.R. administrators and the School of Law H.R. liaison for all faculty and adjunct hiring.
- Collaborated with faculty on visitor and full-time faculty hiring to meet curricular needs.
- Administered honor code, academic, and faculty grievance processes.
- Assisted and advised students with academic and/or personal concerns, including leaves of absence, withdrawals, alternate academic timelines, academic dismissals, and petitions of readmission after dismissal.
- Cooperated and participated in litigation on behalf of the University and School of Law directly with the Office of the General Counsel.
- Served as the School of Law representative to the University Provost's monthly meeting for academic leaders.

Accomplishments:

- In 2023-2024, I stewarded the management of the 10-million-dollar J.L. Greene Foundation Public Service Scholars Program gift by meeting regularly with the Foundation leaders, student scholars, and the School of Law management team. I created and revised the curriculum and requirements for the student scholars in consultation with our team. This led to the successful renewal of the gift after its inaugural year.
 - In 2022-2023, I assisted the dean with the implementation of the Foundation's vision for the Scholars program.
- Captained the successful 2023 School of Law ABA Site Visit. This was a multi-year project that involved every component of the School of Law. I drafted the site visit report and collected or supervised the collection of extensive documentation in support, creating a method by which we could confidentially share all relevant digital files. I assisted with the culminating site visit event and met with members of the site visit team.
- Led the transition of the academic program to an online format at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and led the program through hybrid learning and then the return to fully in-person instruction. Created and implemented new COVID processes, including faculty-approved alternate attendance policies.

- Oversaw the development of the Howard University/Howard University School of Law BA/J.D. program, which will graduate its inaugural class in May 2026.
- Created new and improved aspects of every component of the academic program, including the academic calendar, course registration, add/drops, midterm and final examination scheduling and processes, alternative exam date processes, access to important documents to faculty, students, and the public, and communication to all constituencies.
- Created new learning management sites for communication to students, faculty, and adjunct faculty.
- Collaborated in responding to an active shooter event in the building next to the School of Law at the end of the spring semester in 2022. I led our team to move the entire final exam schedule while assisting students and the community with the aftermath.
- Improved student academic advising throughout their three years, including graduation audits.
- Created and implemented new and improved course evaluations and worked with the University assessment office to administer them to students and provide timely results to faculty.
- Created new processes for adjunct hiring, orientation, and assessment.
- Partnered with three deans (including an interim) and assisted in ensuring the ongoing success of the School of Law through each of the decanal transitions.

Director of the Family Law Certificate Program (FLCP), July 2015 – present.

- Manage all aspects of the program, the first certificate program offered by the School of Law, including advising students, ensuring eligibility requirements are met, scheduling programming for the students, and maintaining the budget.
- Currently creating the groundwork for a current use scholarship for FLCP students by crafting the ask and researching and cultivating a donor list, in partnership with School of Law Development Director and Dean.

AYUDA, INC.

Managing Attorney, September 2006-June 2008.

Interim Managing Attorney, November 2005-September 2006.

Staff Attorney, summer 2005-November 2005.

- Supervised and managed the Family Law/Domestic Violence Division staff, including two staff attorneys, one paralegal, and two social services staff, of Washington, DC's oldest legal service organization serving the metropolitan area's low-income immigrant population.
- Participated in creating the budget for the division and managed the division budget.
- Participated in a wide range of fundraising efforts, including creating fundraising materials, conducting outreach, and establishing funder connections.
- Wrote, managed, and reported on various grants with the DC government, the Office of Violence Against Women (part of the Department of Justice), and with private funders.

BLAIR IMMIGRANT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Volunteer, 2025.

- Partnering with two other lawyers to set up a legal assistance volunteer network for immigrant students and families of a local high school (Montgomery Blair) who are affected by immigration enforcement tactics.
- Participating with other committee members for fundraising to pay for legal services for affected families.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor of Law, 2019-present.

Associate Professor of Law, with Tenure, 2017 – 2019.

Associate Professor of Law, 2014 – 2017.

Assistant Professor of Law, 2011 – 2014.

Courses: Torts, Family Law, Domestic Violence Law, Immigration Law.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLUMBUS SCHOOL OF LAW

Adjunct Lecturer, Fall 2010.

Course: Family Law (evening section).

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Teaching Fellow in the Domestic Violence Clinic, July 2008 – July 2010.

Fellow with the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program.

- Developed curriculum and taught classes in seminar format for the experiential course. Performed all facets of student litigation– from interviewing clients at the DC Superior Court Domestic Violence Unit for potential case representation to supervising students throughout the case development and litigation processes. During breaks in the academic calendar, maintained primary responsibility for ongoing client representation, including sole counsel in a multi-day trial (2009).

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

UNIVERSITY & LAW SCHOOL

- Member, University Workday transition working group (2024-2025).
- Member, Dean Search Committee for the Howard University School of Law (2023).
- Member, University COVID-19 response team (2020-2021).
- Selected participant, Howard University Office of the President Howard Forward Leadership Group (2020-2021).
- Selected participant, Howard University Chair Leadership Academy, 2019.
- Member, Provost Search Committee for Vice President of Research (2017-2018).
- Member, Howard University Faculty Development Committee (Office of the Provost), recommending faculty improvements at request of Howard University President and Provost (2014-2015).
- Faculty organizer of panels and programs for Howard Law students interested in entering academia.
- Faculty advisor to the La Alianza Latine Law Students Society, Family Law Society (past), and the Immigration Law Students Society (past).
- Former advisor to the *Howard Law Journal*.
- Research advisor to student authors.

School of Law Committee Service (selected)

- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee (2019-2025).
- Chair, Legal Writing Program Review Committee (2019-2020).
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2019-2025).
- Member, Assessment Committee (2023).
- Member, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee (2017-2019).

- Co-chair of the Faculty Initial Appointments Committee (2017- 2019).
- Member, Sesquicentennial Planning Committee (2018-2019).
- Member, Faculty Executive Committee (2018- 2019).
- Member, Academic and Joint Programs Committee (2013-2016).
- Member, *Howard Law Journal* Committee (2013-2015).
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2014-2015).

LEGAL ACADEMY & PROFESSION

- Member, Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Annual Conference Planning Committee (2024).
- Selected Chair, Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Minority Groups (2019-2020).
- Chair-elect, Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Minority Groups (2018-2019).
- Selected member, Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Minority Groups (2018).
- Co-chair, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc. (LatCrit) Faculty Development Workshop planning committee (2015).
- Member, LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop planning committee (2014).
- Invited Member, Family Law Task Force: committee of the DC Bar aimed at improving access to justice in the DC Family Court (2009-2011).
- Elected Member, DC Bar Family Law Section Steering Committee, the committee of the DC Bar dedicated to family law practitioners (2007). Re-elected for a three-year term (2008).
 - Served as CLE liaison.
 - Served as Financial Affairs Chair.
 - Served as Programming Chair.
 - Supervising editor of the DC Bar Family Law Practice Manual.

COMMUNITY

- Commissioner, Maryland Public Ethics Commission, appointed by Governor Wes Moore for a three-year term (2023- present).
- Volunteer, Blair Immigrant Support Committee and Montgomery County Immigrant Resource Collective (2025-present).
- Volunteer, American Bar Association, Commission on Immigration.
 - Named a Pro Bono Champion (2025).
- Selected Member, DC Courts Improving Court Access Advisory Committee: served as member of the committee and advocated for access to justice issues for limited-English proficient members of our community.
- Selected Member, DC Domestic Violence Unit Task Force: task force dedicated to reform initiatives of the Domestic Violence Unit of DC Superior Court.
- Member, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) VAWA Advisory Task Force: group of practitioners and service providers meeting with representatives of the MPD to discuss issues, concerns, and policies to improve police response to domestic violence in Washington, DC.
- Selected member, 2004 Whitman-Walker Clinic Legal Community AIDS Walk Taskforce: dedicated to recruiting attorneys to fundraise and participate in the annual AIDS Walk.

HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Warren Rosmarin Award, awarded to a Howard University School of Law faculty or staff member for outstanding contributions to the school (May 2025).
- Elected to the American Law Institute (2024).
- Faculty Member of the Year—selected by the student body (May 2020).
- Selected Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (2019).

- Howard University Advanced Summer Faculty Research Fellowship Award (Summer 2016).
 - Awarded Best Bar Project 2013 as part of the Family Law Task Force, by the DC Bar.
 - Howard University Summer Faculty Research Fellowship Program Award (Summer 2012).
 - Selected as 2006 Rising Legal Star by the Hispanic Bar Association of DC.
 - Member, DC Bar Association.
 - Member, Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia.
 - Member, Maryland Hispanic Bar Association.
 - Member, National Hispanic Bar Association.
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PUBLICATIONS

- *Carceral Family Law: Immigration Enforcement and the State's Power to Destroy Families*, *Louisiana Law Review*, forthcoming, 2026.
- Mariela Olivares, *Thirty Years of Destroying Families: On America's Existing Infrastructures of Fascism*, Public Books, [Fascism's Building Blocks: 30 Years of Destroying Families - Public Books](#) May 13, 2026 (by invitation).
- *The Migrant Family Separation Crisis: The Multifaceted Approach to End the practice, Obtain Redress, and Prevent its Return*, 76 *MERCER L.R.* 737 (2025) (by invitation).
- *The Unpragmatic Family Law of Marginalized Families*, 136 *HARV. L.R. FORUM* 363 (2023) (by invitation).
- Olivares, Mariela. 2023. *The Trauma of the Family Separation Policy on Migrant Children (2017-2022)*, *Laws* 12: 17. <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws12010017> (by invitation) (peer reviewed).
- *Family Detention and Family Separation: History, Struggle and Status*, 9 *BELMONT L. REV.* 512 (2022) (by invitation).
- *The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act as Antecedent to Contemporary Latina/o/x Migration*, 37 *UCLA CHICANX-LATINX LAW REVIEW* 65 (2020).
- *The Rise of Zero Tolerance and the Demise of Family*, 36 *GA. STATE U. L. REV.* 287 (2020).
- *Resistance Strategies in the Immigrant Justice Movement*, 39 *N. ILL. U. L. REV.* 1 (2018) (lead article).
- *Narrative Reform Dilemmas*, 82 *MO. L. REV.* 1089 (2018).
- *Intersectionality at the Intersection of Profiteering & Immigration Detention*, 94 *NEB. L. REV.* 963 (2016).
 - Blog post: *New Efforts to Push Private Prisons Out of Immigration Detention*, <http://cimmigration.com/2015/10/27/new-efforts-to-push-private-prisons-out-of-immigration-detention/>
- *Unreformed: Towards Gender Equality in Immigration Law*, 18 *CHAPMAN U. L. REV.* 419 (2015).
- *Battered by Law: The Political Subordination of Immigrant Women*, 64 *AMER. U. L. REV.* 231 (2014).
- *Renewing the Dream: DREAM Act Redux and Immigration Reform*, 16 *HARV. LATINO L. REV.* 79 (2013).

- *The Impact of Recessionary Politics on Latino-Americans and Immigrant Families: SCHIP Success and DREAM Act Failure*, 55 HOWARD L. J. 359 (2012).
- *A Final Obstacle: Barriers to Divorce for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in the United States*, 34 HAMLINE L. REV. 149 (2011).
 - This article was cited in the third edition of Schneider, Hanna, Sack & Greenberg, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE (2013) at p. 565.
- Mariela Olivares, *Chapter 7: Family Law Practice in the District of Columbia*, in ASSISTING BATTERED IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO FILE IMMIGRATION CLAIMS UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT: A MANUAL FOR IMMIGRATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ATTORNEYS AND ADVOCATES (5th ed. 2006), published in CD ROM format.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & TESTIMONY

- *Keynote presenter at the annual conference of the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*, “Justice and Belonging: Advocating for and Supporting Marginalized and Immigrant Families in the Legal System,” July 24, 2025.
- *Workshop commentator at the Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy Workshop*, invited by Workshop committee, July 2025 (Boston University College of Law).
- *Invited speaker and commentator on forum in the Howard University World Languages Department Film Festival regarding the movie, Mi casa está en otra parte (My Home is Somewhere Else)* (2023, México/USA), October 2024.
- *Panelist at the AALS New Law Teachers’ Conference* on the importance of service, June 2024.
- *Planning committee member, panelist, and moderator at the Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy Workshop*, May 2024 (Berkeley Law School).
- *Invited speaker at the George Washington University College of Law for the Faculty Speaker Series*, November 2023.
- *Panelist at the Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy Workshop*, invited by Workshop committee, May 2023 (Stanford Law School).
- *Panelist at A Dream Deferred, Never to Come, or Misbegotten? Assessing the DREAMer Paradigm in 2023, A Symposium in Memoriam of Michael Olivas*, invited by the Berkeley Law Raza Law Journal, February 2023 (Berkeley Law School).
- *Panelist at the Immigration Law Teachers & Scholars Workshop*, June 2022.
- *Presenter at the AALS New Law Teachers’ Conference*, June 2022.
- *Presenter at The Belmont Law Review Symposium on Immigration Law*, October 2021.

- *Provided oral testimony and written statement, United States Commission on Civil Rights Hearing on Immigrant Detention Centers and Treatment of Immigrants, April 12, 2019.*
- *Panel presenter on Immigration Law at the National People of Color Conference, March 2019.*
- *Invited speaker at Harvard Law School Symposium on ICE and Immigration Enforcement, March 2019.*
- *Panel presenter on Immigration Law at the AALS Conference, January 2019.*
- *Invited speaker at the American University Washington College of Law for the Faculty Speaker Series, November 2018.*
- *Panel organizer and selected presenter at the SALT Teaching Conference, October 2018.*
- *Invited speaker at Vanderbilt School of Law, October 2018.*
- *Panel organizer at the LatCrit Conference on Immigration Law Strategic Organizing, September 2017.*
- *Panel organizer at Howard Law School on the Trump Travel Bans, 2017.*
- *Panel organizer at the AALS Conference on Presidential Politics and the Future of the Supreme Court, January 2017.*
- *Panel presenter at the Law & Society Conference on The Politics of Respectability and Immigrants, June 2016.*
- *Invited presenter at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society Conference on the historical effects for Latino immigrants of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, U.S. Senate, May 2016. Presentation available at: <https://www.c-span.org/person/?marielaolivares>.*
- *Invited presenter on immigration detention at the Crimmigration Law Lecture Series. University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 2016.*
- *Moderator of panel discussion on the evolving meaning of family. Mid-Atlantic People of Color Law Professor Conference, January 2016.*
- *Presentation on subordinated identity and immigrant detention. LatCrit Conference, October 2015.*
- *Moderator of panel discussion on planning the next five years of your academic career, LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop (2015).*
- *Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and Law—the Social Safety Net (or Lack Thereof). Invited panelist in plenary session of AALS Workshop, June 2015.*
- *Disruptive Intersectionality. Presentation in the Emerging Immigration Law Professors conference on work in progress article, 2015; presentation at Howard University School of Law faculty colloquium, 2015.*
- *Forum on the Future of Law and Inequality. Invited panelist on forum regarding present and future civil rights controversies, Tulane Law School, 2014.*
- *Faculty Development Workshop. Presentation and participation in the Society of American Law Teachers and LatCrit Workshop, 2014.*

- *The Private Prison Industry and Immigration Reforms*. Work-in-progress presentation at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, 2014.
- *10th Annual Wiley A. Branton/Howard Law Journal Symposium*. Moderated panel presentation—*Hidden Borders: Opportunities and Obstacles for Immigrants' Rights*, Howard University School of Law, 2013.
- *Reframing the Narrative in the Era of Immigration Reform*. Selected panel participant at the LatCrit Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2013.
- *The Politics of Subordination: How Identity Affects Battered Women*. Work-in progress presentation at the Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, University of California at Irvine, California, 2013.
- *Teaching Immigration Law*. Moderated panel presentation at University of California at Irvine, California, 2013.
- *The Politics of Subordination: How Identity Affects Battered Women*. Work-in progress presentation at the Midwest People of Color Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2013.
- *The Impact of Recessionary Politics on Latino-Americans and Immigrant Families: SCHIP Success and DREAM Act Failure*. Work-in-progress presentation at the LatCrit Scholars Conference, San Diego, California, 2011.
- *DREAM Act and Secure Communities- Impact on Immigrant Communities*. Moderated panel presentation at Howard University School of Law, 2011.
- *The Intersection of Family Law and Immigration Policy*. Work-in-progress presentation at the Immigration Law Professors Emerging Scholars Workshop, Washington DC, 2011.
- *Legislative updates in District of Columbia family law practice*, served as moderator in panel discussion regarding recent case law and legislative changes affecting domestic relations and child abuse and neglect practice in the District of Columbia, 2011.
- *The Domestic Violence Unit of the District of Columbia Superior Court Bench-Bar Dialogue*, served as moderator in a discussion between the judges of the Domestic Violence Unit, members of the DC Bar and other participants, 2010.
- *The "Must Haves and Can't Stands- a View from the Bench,"* served as moderator in a panel discussion by judges of the District of Columbia family court for members of the DC Bar, 2010.
- *Domestic violence law and practice in the United States and the District of Columbia*, served as a consultant in a roundtable discussion with judges from the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China interested in implementing changes in domestic violence response and practice in the Chinese judicial system, 2009.
- *Domestic violence law practice in the District of Columbia Superior Court*, presented to fellows as part of the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, 2009.
- *Immigrant perspectives, immigration reform and the role of women leaders*, panelist in forum of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (conducted in English and Spanish), 2008.
- *The next wave of domestic violence leadership*, invited participant in a national conference sponsored by the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 2008.

- *Perspectives on a career in litigation*, presented to incoming Georgetown law students, 2008.
- *Working with immigrant survivors of domestic violence & immigration law remedies*, guest lecturer at Domestic Violence Law seminar, George Washington Law School, 2008 & 2007; American University, 2007.
- *Domestic violence: know your rights*, presented to a group of over one hundred adult education students and faculty at Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School, 2008.
- *Domestic violence law and family law rights and responsibilities: know your rights*, presented to various groups of domestic violence survivors (conducted in Spanish), 2005-2008.
- *Domestic violence in immigrant communities*, presented to staff and members of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2007; Howard University School of Law forum, 2011; Maryland interfaith workshop, 2011.
- *Domestic violence and sexual assault: A comparison of law and approaches in Maryland and DC*, presented at STOP training institute to legal/social service grantees, providers, police, and judges from the DC metropolitan area, 2007.
- *Career paths after law school*, panelist at Hispanic Bar Association of DC event for area law students, Georgetown University Law Center, 2007.
- *Ayuda services to victims of domestic violence*, presented to DC Superior Court judges and staff, 2007 & 2006.

SELECTED TRAININGS

- *Dynamics of Domestic Violence and the Lawyer Client Relationship*, training to the entire legal staff of Legal Aid of DC on collaborating with victims of domestic violence, 2014.
- *Litigating family law cases in the District of Columbia*, creating and conducting training on essential legal and trial skills for attorneys in the family courts of DC Superior Court, 2012 & 2010.
- *Poverty lawyering and working with indigent clients*, training for new attorneys sponsored by the DC Consortium of Legal Service Providers, 2009 & 2007.
- *Teaching Ethics in a Clinical Setting*, class seminar for first-year teaching fellows at Georgetown University Law Center, 2009.
- *Clinical teaching and teaching values to students*, training for incoming teaching fellows at Georgetown University Law Center, 2009.
- *Issues in domestic violence law and practice and areas for continued reform*, training session as part of the Judicial Training curriculum for judges and staff in the Domestic Violence Unit of DC Superior Court, 2008 & 2007.
- *Legislative and practice updates, including advocating in protection order and family law cases; divorce law and practice; third-party custody legislation; contempt proceedings and the interaction with U-visa and VAWA immigration remedies*, various trainings to Ayuda staff, interns, and pro bono partners, 2005-2008.

- *Domestic violence law and family law practice in DC: How recent changes to VAWA affect our practice*, training to legal service and pro bono practitioners, 2006.
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MEDIA

- Interview with “Out of the Shadows” podcast on I-Heart media regarding IRCA, April 2022.
 - Interview with Montgomery Blair High School students for C-SPAN Student Competition on immigration reform, December 2021 (students won third place in national competition).
 - Interview with Radio Caracol (Miami) on Trump Executive Order effects on immigrant communities, February 2017.
 - Interview with the Afro-American newspaper for an article on how comprehensive immigration reform may affect the African-American and African communities, March 2013.
 - Interview with the *Howard University Alumni Magazine* (Winter 2012), “*Advocating for the Rights of Immigrants*,” on my work researching and writing about immigration law (at pp. 22-23).
 - *Linea Directa* (translation: *Direct Line*), Spanish-language television talk show shown on Washington, DC and other national NBC affiliates. Half-hour interview on domestic violence and family law, psychological effects of domestic violence and options for immigrant victims of domestic violence, 2007.
 - El Zol 99.1, Spanish-language radio station broadcasting music and community service messages to Washington, DC and surrounding areas. Interview on talk show on the effects of domestic violence and options for immigrant victims of domestic violence, 2007.
 - *Violencia Doméstica: La Lente Muerte del Espíritu* (translation: *Domestic Violence: As the Spirit Dies*) in *Washington Voz*, Washington, DC Spanish-language newspaper. Interview by Encarna Segura on domestic violence law and options for immigrants, 2005.
 - *Admitting Diversity* on the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. Interview regarding affirmative action at the University of Michigan Law School in the era of the *Grutter v. Bollinger* case, 2001.
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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACCESSLEX

Consultant, reviewer, and presenter, 2023-2024, 2020.

- Consulted and reviewed torts bar exam preparation materials. Presented on intentional torts for bar exam preparation videos.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Selected Peer Reviewer for Legal Assistance to Victim grants, 2015, 2013.

D.C. VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT, Washington, DC

Litigation Supervisor and Consultant, 2011.

- Assisted in family law cases and other organizational matters.

AYUDA, INC., Washington, DC
Consultant, 2011.

- Assisted attorneys in family law cases and administrators in other organizational matters.

AYUDA, INC., Washington, DC
Staff and Managing Attorney, May 2005-June 2008.

- Served as legal counsel to low-income immigrant victims of domestic violence at the trial and appellate level (primarily Spanish-speaking clients). Responsible for all aspects of family law and domestic violence cases.

WILEY REIN & FIELDING, LLP, Washington, DC
Associate, October 2003- April 2005.

- Associate in appellate practice, as well as labor and employment discrimination and insurance coverage litigation, including complex motion practice and trial preparation. Completed 180 hours of *pro bono* service in first year, assisting English and Spanish-speaking clients in Social Security benefit appeals due to disabilities attributable to HIV+ status. Obtained asylum for a Venezuelan client on the basis of sexual orientation and HIV+ status.

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, Austin, TX

Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Deborah Hankinson and the Honorable J. Dale Wainwright, August 2002- August 2003.

ARNOLD & PORTER, LLP, Washington, DC
Summer Associate, 2002.

- Assisted in corporate law and litigation projects, as well as immigration appeal and trust matters for *pro bono* clients.

WILEY REIN & FIELDING, LLP, Washington, DC
Summer Associate, 2001.

- Assisted in a wide variety of litigation projects, including *pro bono* matters.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC, Ann Arbor, MI
Student Attorney, 2001.

- Served as guardian *ad litem* for abused and neglected children in semester-long clinic.

TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT, Austin, TX
Summer Law Clerk, 2000.

- Interviewed clients and drafted pleadings concerning filing of ADA claims.

LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP, Austin, TX
Summer Associate, 2001 & 2000.

BAR ADMISSION, LANGUAGES, ETC.

- Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar (2003); Texas Bar (2002) (inactive).
- Fluent in Spanish.
- Competitive powerlifter, holding numerous federation state records and 2025 (1) and 2026 (1) world records.