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### **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN LAW**, Washington, DC  
LL.M with distinction, expected May 2012

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
J.D., *cum laude* May 2000  
Robert McKay Scholar  
Civil Legal Services Clinic  
Review of Law and Social Change, Senior Articles Editor

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, Chicago, IL  
B.A. in American History, June 1996  
Dean's List  
Men's Crew Team, Captain

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States*, 32 *CARD. L. REV.* \_  
(forthcoming 2011).

*Pulling Teeth: the State of Mandatory Immigration Detention*, 45 *Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev.* 601 (2010).

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUND. OF METRO. CHI. & CHI. APPLESEED FUND FOR JUSTICE,  
VIDEOCONFERENCING IN REMOVAL HEARINGS: A CASE STUDY OF THE CHICAGO  
IMMIGRATION COURT (2005) (co-author), *available at* [http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/  
uploads/view/49/download:1/videoconfreport\\_080205.pdf](http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/uploads/view/49/download:1/videoconfreport_080205.pdf) (last visited Feb. 26, 2011).

*Unfair Evictions: Where Landlord-Tenant and Fair Housing Law Intersect*,  
*Clearinghouse Rev.* (Nov.-Dec. 2003).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**GEORGETOWN LAW, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES** July 2010-Present  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow*, Washington, DC

Teach, supervise, and evaluate law students in an asylum law clinic. Co-teach and design bi-weekly seminars concerning substantive immigration law and litigation skills. Supervise students' representation of torture survivors and asylum seekers in trial-type hearings before the Immigration Court. Attend an "Elements of Clinical Pedagogy" course taught by Georgetown Law clinical faculty. Handle pro bono matters including assisting with an amicus brief to the Supreme Court on behalf of law professors in *Judulang v. Holder*, No. 10-694.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW**

Sept. 2009-July 2010

*Lecturer, Chicago, IL*

Designed and taught an asylum law seminar. Developed curriculum that incorporated topical issues of humanitarian immigration law, such as gender-based and gang-based claims, human trafficking and national security related bars to relief. Drafted syllabus, selected case book and additional readings and recruited guest speakers including an immigration judge. Supervised students' completion of the school's substantial writing project requirement. Lectured and facilitated class discussions.

**AILA LITIGATION INSTITUTE**

Oct. 2010

*Faculty Member, Leesburg, VA*

Taught advanced litigation skills to experienced immigration practitioners at a weekend retreat. Along with ten national experts on immigration law, conducted a series of simulations and trainings on witness examination, immigration court practice, appellate argument, and habeas litigation.

**LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE FDN. OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

Sept. 2004-July 2010

*Senior Attorney, Chicago, IL*

Represented immigrants with complex immigration cases, including cases involving detained immigrants, asylum applicants, trafficking victims, and survivors of gender-related crimes and domestic violence. *See, e.g., Pasha v. Gonzales*, 433 F.3d 530 (7th Cir. 2005) (reversal of a removal order in an asylum case). Worked with coalitions of bar associations, other non-profits, and private attorneys to seek improvement of the immigration courts and the conditions of immigration detention. Where necessary, pursued affirmative litigation on behalf of immigrants held in unreasonably prolonged detention. *See, e.g., Aceves-Santos v. Sedlock*, No. 08 CV 4550, 2008 WL 5101348 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 2, 2008); *Cesar v. Achim*, 542 F. Supp. 2d 897 (E.D. Wis. 2008); *Hussain v. Mukasey*, 510 F.3d 739 (7th Cir. 2007). Drafted amicus briefs in cases of strategic importance to immigrants. *See, e.g., Bayo v. Napolitano*, 593 F.3d 495 (7th Cir. 2010) (en banc) (amicus brief setting out a position concerning the rights of entrants under the Visa Waiver Program that the Court largely adopted).

**OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER**

Nov. 2003-Aug. 2004

*Assistant Defender, Chicago, IL*

Represented indigent criminal defendants in state court appeals. Obtained relief for clients including the reversal of a conviction, the vacatur of a summary dismissal of a post-conviction petition, and the vacatur of a sentence.

**SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW**

Sept. 2002-Oct. 2003

*Staff Attorney, Chicago, IL*

Represented relocated public housing residents in a civil rights class action, *Wallace v. Chicago Housing Authority*, 321 F. Supp. 2d 968 (N.D. Ill. 2004). Coauthored the complaint and the response to the motion to dismiss, and drafted the motion for class certification. Engaged in policy work, such as co-drafting a comprehensive statewide landlord tenant act. Helped build a grassroots coalition in favor of the legislation, and lobbied state legislators for its passage.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE FDN. OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO** Aug.2000-Aug.2002  
*Staff Attorney, Chicago, IL*  
Litigated civil actions on behalf of indigent persons in the areas of housing, employment, and family law and won jury trials and a state court appeal.

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF WASHINGTON** May 1999-Aug. 1999  
*Intern, Seattle, WA*  
Researched and analyzed civil liberties issues for potential litigation.

**LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN: MIGRANT PROJECT** June 1998-Aug. 1998  
*Equal Justice America Fellow, Madison, WI*  
Community education to migrant workers and intake for Fair Labor Standards Act cases.

**LANSNER & KUBITSCHKEK** Oct.1997-April 1998  
*Intern, New York, NY*  
Participated in civil rights litigation, including discovery and drafting pleadings.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States,” American University Washington College of Law “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Washington, DC, May 20, 2011.

“Children’s Asylum Cases,” Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children (LOPC) Conference: “Update on Substantive Relief Available to Children in Removal Proceedings and Impact of Criminal Issues on That Relief,” Washington, DC, May 5, 2011.

“Expanding Immigrant Access to Counsel: A Proposal to Revive Civil Legal Services for Immigrants,” Migration Policy Institute and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., “8<sup>th</sup> Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference,” Washington, DC, April 26, 2011.

“The Law of Asylum,” DC Bar Pro Bono Program Training: “Representing Political Asylum Seekers,” Washington, DC, Jan. 19, 2011.

“Justice for Whom—the Embattled History of Legal Aid for Immigrants,” New England Law Review Symposium: “Crossing the Border: the Future of Immigration Law and Its Impact on Lawyers,” Boston, MA, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Refugee Law and National Security,” Georgetown Law, Guest Lecture to the Refugee Law Class, Washington, DC, Nov. 4, 2010.

“The US Immigration System,” Advocates for Survivors of Trauma and Torture Life Skills Group, Washington, DC, Aug. 11, 2010.

“Silence Is No Longer Golden: *Padilla v. Kentucky* and the Duty of Criminal Defense Attorneys to Advise their Clients about the Immigration Consequences of Convictions,” panel discussion at Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee, WI, June 18, 2010.

“Effective Direct and Cross Examination in Immigration Court,” Guest Lecture to the Detention Clinic, DePaul University Law School, Chicago, IL, March 17, 2010.

“The US Immigration System: Is the System Broken?” Guest Lecture to the Contemporary Legal Issues Class, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, March 5, 2010.

“Deaths in Immigration Detention,” panel discussion hosted by the Labor, Employment, and Immigration Law Society at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, March 4, 2010.

“You Can’t Do That Here: Different Results in Different Venues,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2009.

“Federal Court Updates,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2009.

“Stipulated Orders of Removal—Not Giving Up the Right to Defend Against Deportation,” panel discussion at the DePaul University conference, “Responding to ICE Enforcement: Strategies for Community and Legal Advocates,” Chicago, IL, March 24, 2009.

“Roundtable on Recent Events in Removal,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference: The Evolution of Immigration Law & Policy 2007-08, Chicago, IL, April 14, 2008.

“Criminal Prosecutions Based on Enforcement Actions,” panel discussion at the DePaul University conference, “Responding to ICE Enforcement: Strategies for Community and Legal Advocates,” Chicago, IL, Nov. 28, 2007.

“Decisions involving Criminal Grounds, Procedural Issues and Other Relief from Removal,” panel for the American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference: The Anatomy of a Petition for Review, Chicago, IL, Nov. 1, 2006.

“Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions,” Illinois Public Defender Association Annual Conference, Springfield, IL, Oct. 20, 2006.

“Immigration Consequences for Juvenile Offenders,” Midwest Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit: Crossing Borders & Building Ties, Madison, WI, May 20, 2005.

“The Sliding Right to Travel: State Driver’s Licensing Restrictions upon Undocumented Immigrants,” NYU Review of Law and Social Change Colloquium: “Foreign Notions: the Changing Rights of Immigrants in the United States,” New York, NY, Spring 1999.

#### **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION**

Georgetown Human Rights Action, Advisor (2010-11).

Chicago Council of Lawyers, Board of Governors (2009-10).

American Immigration Lawyers Association, chair of the Chicago Chapter Litigation Committee (2007-2009) and member of the ICE Liaison Committee (2005-2009). Moderator of “the Litigation Roundtable,” a bimonthly series on current topics in immigration litigation (2007-2009).

DePaul Journal for Social Justice, Advisory Board (2009-10).

Illinois Legal Aid Online, Immigration Content Editor (2006-10).

Admitted to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Northern District of Illinois General and Trial Bar, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the Illinois Supreme Court.

Highly proficient in Spanish.

## **REFERENCES**

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