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### **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN LAW**, Washington, DC  
LL.M. in clinical education with distinction

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
J.D., 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, 1996  
Dean's List  
Men's Crew Team, Captain

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court*, 79 *Brook. L. Rev.* 1569 (2014).

*Persons Who Are Not the People: The Changing Rights of Immigrants in the United States*, 44 *COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV.* 367 (2013).

*Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States*, 33 *CARD. L. REV.* 619 (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 Aug. 19, 2012).

*Unfair Evictions: Where Landlord-Tenant and Fair Housing Law Intersect*, 37 *CLEARINGHOUSE REV.* 418 (Nov.-Dec. 2003).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** August 2012-present  
*Assistant Professor*, Valparaiso, IN  
Found and direct an immigration clinic designed to teach immigration law, trial advocacy skills, and professionalism through a combination of direct representation and non-litigation advocacy. Select diverse cases and projects for students ranging from designing

and hosting a community forum for immigrant youth in Northwest Indiana to successfully litigating a Seventh Circuit appeal, *Margulis v. Holder*, 725 F.3d 785 (7th Cir. 2013). Supervise student representation of asylum seekers and other immigrants with complex cases: review and comment on all student work product; serve as a consultant and catalyst during weekly case team meetings; and conduct and evaluate preparatory trial and appellate simulations. Design curriculum for and teach a weekly seminar on immigration practice, substantive law, and policy.

**GEORGETOWN LAW, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES** July 2010-June 2012  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow*, Washington, DC

Teach, supervise, and evaluate law students in an asylum law clinic. Co-teach and design twice-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. Share responsibility for student and case selection, policy formulation, and other aspects of clinic management. Handle litigation related to clinical work, including assisting with a successful Fourth Circuit appeal. Attended an "Elements of Clinical Pedagogy" course taught by Georgetown Law clinical faculty to study experiential approaches to learning. Co-taught orientation session for new fellows on the topic of supervision.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW** Sept. 2009-June 2010  
*Lecturer*, Chicago, IL

Designed and taught a one quarter 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. Created a simulated appellate record for use in a mock amicus brief that students could choose as a final exam. Supervised, over the course of the year, students' completion of the school's substantial writing project requirement.

**AILA LITIGATION INSTITUTE** Oct. 2010  
*Faculty Member*, Leesburg, VA

Taught advanced litigation skills to experienced immigration practitioners. 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. *See 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 & KUBITSCHKE** Oct.1997-April 1998  
*Intern*, New York, NY  
Assisted with civil rights litigation, including discovery and drafting pleadings.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Challenging Charges in the Notice to Appear,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2014.

“Game On: Day of Trial,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Litigation Workshop, Chicago, IL, Nov. 14, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” 2013 Biennial LatCrit Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 4, 2013.

“The Civil Rights Implications of Immigration Reform as It Relates to Immigration Court,” Testimony before the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, DePaul College of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 23, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” Work in Progress Presentation to Loyola University at Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, Sept. 10, 2013.

“Increasing Transparency in Immigration Court Cases,” Work in Progress Presentation at University of California, Irvine, “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Irvine, CA, June 13, 2013.

“A Public Forum: Immigration Court Reform: Part of Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” panel discussion sponsored by the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice and Casa Aztlán at the Lozano Library, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013.

“The Past, Present, and Future of Immigration Law,” Martin Luther King Day Address to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL, Jan. 21, 2013.

“Immigration and the Obama Administration: Past, Present, and Future,” panel discussion sponsored by the American Constitution Society, the University of Chicago Law School, Nov. 30, 2012.

“The Far-Reaching Effects of Crimmigration,” panel presentation at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, Aug. 1, 2012.

“Starting a New Clinic? Proposing and Developing In-House Clinics in a Changing Environment,” Concurrent Session Presentation at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Los Angeles, CA, May 1, 2012 (with Anjum Gupta, Jennifer Koh, and Rachel Settlage).

“A World Without DOMA: Bankruptcy, Immigration and Tax Implications,” Hot Topic panel presentation at Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Jan. 7, 2012 (with William Eskridge, Patricia Cain, Jackie Gardina and David Herzig).

“The National Security Backlog in Asylum Adjudication,” panel presentation at DePaul University School of Law conference, “Reframing Reform: Immigration as the Solution,” Chicago, IL, October 24, 2011.

“Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States,” Work in Progress Presentation at 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, Georgetown Law, and Catholic Legal

Immigration Network, Inc., “8<sup>th</sup> Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference,” Washington, DC, April 26, 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.

“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.

“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.

## **SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

### *Law School Service:*

Career Planning Committee  
Diversity Committee  
Student Evaluation Task Force, Chair, 2013-14

### *Professional Affiliations:*

#### American Immigration Lawyers Association

- Member of the Executive Office for Immigration Review Liaison Committee
- Former chair of the Chicago Chapter Litigation Committee (2007-2009)
- Member of the ICE Liaison Committee (2005-2009).
- Moderator of “the Litigation Roundtable,” a bimonthly series on current topics in immigration litigation (2007-2009).

Chicago Appleseed Foundation, Immigration Court Reform Advisory Committee, 2010-present

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education

Clinical Legal Education Association

National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

American Constitution Society

Admitted to the Illinois and Indiana State Bar, the Northern District of Illinois—general and Trial Bar, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Fourth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court

## **LANGUAGES**

Highly proficient in Spanish, basic French