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EXPERIENCE

LEGAL AID SOCIETY CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE, Brooklyn and Bronx, NY

Staff Attorney, October 2008-Present

Represent indigent clients charged with all classes of felonies and misdemeanors from initial criminal court arraignment through trial or disposition. Tried six cases to verdict. Litigated fourteen suppression hearings. Negotiate favorable dispositions with prosecutors, advising clients on potential collateral consequences and working with immigration lawyers to craft safe dispositions for non-citizen clients. Research and write motions arguing for suppression of physical evidence, identifications, or statements; dismissal of indictments due to errors in grand jury presentations; disclosure of discovery or *Brady* material; dismissal on speedy trial grounds; and dismissal of misdemeanors for facial insufficiency of the accusatory instrument. Prepare and accompany clients testifying before the grand jury. Develop investigation strategies and direct staff investigators in implementation of plan. Work with social workers to conduct social history investigation, including collecting records, drafting pre-pleading memoranda, and locating appropriate alternatives to incarceration. Consult with experts and review expert submissions to the court.

HON. WARREN J. FERGUSON, NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, Santa Ana, CA

Law Clerk, August 2007-August 2008

JUVENILE DEFENDER CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Advocate, September 2006-May 2007

Represented children in delinquency proceedings in Brooklyn Family Court under supervision of the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division. Conducted a trial, a suppression hearing, initial appearances, and dispositional hearings. Interviewed clients, clients' families, and witnesses. Drafted motions. Linked clients with social services.

LAW OFFICE OF JOSHUA L. DRATEL, New York, NY

Legal Intern, September 2006-May 2007

Conducted legal research for a motion on behalf of a capital defendant arguing that the composition of a jury pool in the Southern District of New York violated his right to a jury drawn from a fair cross-section of the community.

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, Bronx, NY

Legal Intern, June-August 2006

Researched and drafted motions filed in pending criminal cases. Represented clients at arraignment, conducting initial client interviews and negotiating dispositions with Assistant District Attorneys. Drafted memoranda.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL WISHNIE, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Research Assistant, September 2005-May 2006

Co-authored report on state and local police enforcement of federal immigration law using the NCIC database. Conducted legal research and assisted with drafting pleadings in *Al-Kidd v. Ashcroft*, a lawsuit brought by the ACLU on behalf of an individual unconstitutionally detained for investigative purposes under the federal material witness statute in connection with a terrorism prosecution.

LEGAL ACTION CENTER, New York, NY

Legal Intern, June-August 2005

Performed legal research and advocacy on behalf of people facing discrimination based on their criminal history or HIV status. Conducted client intake interviews and counseled clients on potential remedies.

MISSION HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, San Francisco, CA

Tenant Coordinator, Apollo Hotel, October 2002-April 2004

Provided counseling on health, mental health, vocational skills, and substance abuse for formerly homeless tenants of a supportive housing residence. Organized educational and community-building activities.

HABEAS CORPUS RESOURCE CENTER, San Francisco, CA

Investigator, December 2000-June 2002

Litigation Support Assistant, December 1999-December 2000

Developed factual support for constitutional challenges to convictions and sentences of death-row prisoners. Conducted in-person interviews with witness around the country. Drafted witness declarations. Obtained and reviewed legal, medical, academic, employment, and other records relevant to clients' social histories. Received extensive training on issues relevant to mitigation, particularly trauma and mental health.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 2007

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar – selected for public service, academic merit, and leadership
Review of Law and Social Change, Senior Articles Editor

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, CT

B.A. in Government, May 1999

Activities: Connecticut Students Against the Death Penalty, Lead Coordinator
Wesleyan Clinic Escorts, Lead Coordinator
WESU 88.1 F.M., D.J.

PUBLICATION

Blurring the Lines: A Profile of State and Local Police Enforcement of Immigration Law Using the National Crime Information Center Database, 2002-2004 (with Annie Lai, Jennifer Wagner, Michael Wishnie), Migration Policy Institute, December 2005.

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New York and New Jersey

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., January 2013

Honors: International Law and Human Rights Fellow
Norman S. Ostrow Memorial Scholar, Dean's Award Scholar

Activities: Alternative Student Breaks, Law Clerk at Orleans Public Defenders
Prisoners' Rights and Education Project, Treasurer
Law Students for Human Rights, Student Researcher
Review of Law & Social Change, Staff Editor

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

B.A. in Psychology and English in Writing, June 2006

Activities: Clinical Psychology Research Assistant
Multiethnic InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Executive Leadership Team

EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, West Palm Beach, FL

Assistant Public Defender, Felony Trial Division, November 2015 – July 2016

Assistant Public Defender, County Court Trial Division, August 2013 – November 2015

Managed a caseload of up to 100 felony cases in Circuit Court. Represented indigent clients in every stage of criminal prosecution, from arraignment through final disposition. Interviewed witnesses, performed pretrial investigations, and conducted discovery depositions of adverse witnesses. Wrote pretrial motions, including motions for bond reduction, discovery motions, and motions to suppress. Counseled clients regarding potential case resolutions. Negotiated with prosecutors to resolve cases while considering impacts on clients' housing, employment, immigration, and families. Conducted over 20 jury trials to final verdict.

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, Bronx, NY

Criminal Defense Intern, June – May 2012

Interviewed clients at arraignment, negotiated with prosecutors, and appeared in misdemeanor arraignments. Helped to prepare clients and witnesses to testify before the grand jury. Drafted legal memoranda and pretrial motions. Conducted pretrial investigations. Staffed intake to assist community members with civil and criminal legal issues.

FEDERAL DEFENDER CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Advocate, August 2011 – May 2012

Represented indigent clients charged with petty offenses in the Eastern District of New York, culminating in an evidentiary hearing and two bench trials before a federal magistrate judge. Interviewed and counseled clients, negotiated with prosecutors, conducted investigations, interviewed witnesses, and drafted pretrial motions. Worked under the supervision of a Federal Defender in the Southern District of New York to help defend federal felony cases.

CABRINI GREEN LEGAL AID, Chicago, IL

Intern, June – May 2011

Assisted in representing a public housing tenant in an eviction trial, including witness preparation, jury selection, and cross-examination. Drafted successful motion for new trial on the basis of juror misconduct.

KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Nairobi, Kenya

Intern, June – May 2010

Participated in human rights workshops to educate community leaders about the contents of Kenya's draft constitution. Monitored campaign rallies and reported on electoral violations. Served as an election observer on referendum day.

ZULKIE PARTNERS LLC, Chicago, IL

Immigration Paralegal, October 2006 – June 2009

Drafted employer-sponsored applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of State to petition for immigration benefits for skilled foreign workers. Provided guidance to foreign nationals regarding the requirements and benefits of various status categories and restrictions on foreign travel.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida (2013) and Illinois (2016)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conversational in French. Volunteered for the New Americans Initiative in Chicago, assessing applicants' eligibility to naturalize and preparing naturalization applications. Member of Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, May 2009

Honors: *Vanderbilt Medal* – awarded for outstanding contributions to the School of Law
Hays Fellow – awarded on the basis of legal ability and commitment to civil liberties

Activities: Public Interest Law Foundation, Co-Chair
OUTLaw LGBT Students Association, Co-Chair

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE, New York, New York

M.A. in Teaching of English, May 2003

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, New York

B.A. in English with a concentration in Religion, *magna cum laude*, May 2001

EXPERIENCE

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC., San Diego, California

Trial Attorney, October 2009 – Present

Handle caseload consisting of drug-trafficking, immigration, fraud, habeas, and child pornography cases.

Write and argue suppression motions, motions to dismiss, and motions under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(d).

Negotiate plea agreements and obtain favorable sentencing departures and variances. File appeals and argue in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Conducted fifteen felony jury trials in Federal Court.

Successfully litigated motions challenging systemic delays in initial appearance and conditions of detention, resulting in two favorable written orders and district-wide improvements. Supervise junior attorneys and give training presentations to Criminal Justice Act panel attorneys and federal defenders.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY, JUVENILE RIGHTS DIVISION, Bronx & New York, New York

Student Advocate, September 2008 – April 2009

Represented clients charged in juvenile delinquency proceedings as part of both the Juvenile Defender Clinic and the Hays Fellowship. Filed motions to dismiss and suppress evidence. Cross examined witnesses at trials and hearings. Assisted in impact litigation challenging conditions in juvenile detention facilities, including researching existing grievance procedures and exhaustion requirements for civil suits on behalf of prisoners.

NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, New York, New York

Legal Intern, Hays Fellowship Placement, September 2008 – December 2008

Assisted in impact litigation on behalf of developmentally disabled individuals in nursing home facilities.

Reviewed and organized data collected by supervising attorney. Researched and drafted legal pleadings.

BRONX DEFENDERS, FAMILY DEFENSE PRACTICE, Bronx, New York

Legal Intern, January 2008 – April 2008

Shadowed attorneys representing parents in child custody proceedings. Researched constitutional challenges to negligence charges against HIV-positive woman for medical choices while pregnant.

URBAN JUSTICE CENTER, PETER CICCHINO YOUTH PROJECT, New York, New York

Student Advocate, September 2007 – December 2007

Worked on a variety of legal matters for LGBT clients, primarily homeless youth, as part of the Children's Rights Clinic. Drafted asylum petition on behalf of a gay man with HIV from Tobago. Assisted transgender clients with name change procedures in court, name and gender changes on driver's licenses, and gender changes on birth certificates.

PROFESSOR HELEN HERSHKOFF, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

Teaching Assistant, September 2007 – December 2007

Drafted review materials and executed review sessions for a Civil Procedure class. Held weekly office hours and provided written and oral feedback to students.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN, New York, New York

Legal Intern, May 2007 – August 2007

Represented children in special education-related cases. Helped to investigate and organize data in impact litigation case challenging special education services provided at "suspension schools." Worked on several direct representation cases and filed appellate brief to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK, Brooklyn, New York

Legal Intern, January 2007 – April 2007

Designed and gave "Know Your Rights" workshop and authored accompanying brochure. Represented clients in special education and suspension-related matters. Filed and won an appeal of a denial of SSI-disability benefits claim.

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, New York, New York

Math Teacher at Middle School 246, September 2002 – June 2006

English Teacher at Intermediate School 172, July 2001 – June 2002

Instituted an after-school tutoring program for Math used by 25% of the student body. Developed teacher and student schedules to comply with union contracts and city instructional mandates. Coordinated staff and student orientations.

PUBLICATIONS & TRAININGS

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – National Forensic College, June 2016

National Criminal Defense College – Trial Practice Institute, June 2012

American Immigration Lawyers Association – Annual Conference, June 2011

Using Laws Designed To Protect as a Weapon: Prosecuting Minors Under Child Pornography Laws, 34 N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change 299 (2010) (cited in *United States v. C.R.*, 792 F. Supp. 2d 343, 510 (E.D.N.Y. 2011)).

Chapter 1: The Bail Reform Act, DEFENDING A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE, 2016 Ed. (2016) (*forthcoming*).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficient in Spanish, basic Italian

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

United States District Court of Southern District of California

United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit

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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, New York

J.D., May 2013

Honors: N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change, Senior Articles Editor

Leadership: N.Y.U. Public Interest Mentors, Co-Coordinator

Mental Health Law Association, President

N.Y.U. Mediation Organization, Senior Mediator

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

B.A. in Literature, *cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: Heinrich Von Staden Cup, Ezra Stiles College (for public service and social justice achievement)

Rising Star Award, Association of Volunteer Administrators of Greater New Haven

Leadership: Dwight Hall Center for Public Service & Social Justice, Co-Coordinator

Yale Hunger & Homelessness Action Project, Co-Coordinator

“Shelter Now” campaign to reopen New Haven homeless shelters, Co-Director and Founder

EXPERIENCE

Community Legal Aid, Worcester, Massachusetts

Staff Attorney, September 2017 – August 2018

Represented low-income elder tenants in housing matters, including evictions, subsidized housing terminations, and fair housing and housing discrimination matters. Worked holistically with clients facing complex challenges, including addiction, mental disabilities, advanced physical illness, and abuse. Conducted trainings and outreach with service providers and community groups. Led policy work to increase access to justice through technology in Massachusetts courts. Undertaking building-wide litigation focused on fair housing and health information privacy in elder group housing, in collaboration with the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Unit.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), Pacoima, California

Staff Attorney, August 2015 – June 2017

Served as lead counsel in impact litigation, with the ACLU and others, to stop courts from suspending driver’s licenses of people who cannot afford to pay traffic tickets. That case, along with two companion cases and a lobbying effort, resulted in legislative reform. Represented low-income tenants at risk of homelessness in housing matters, including evictions, subsidized housing terminations, and affirmative housing litigation. Served as housing policy liaison, working with community partners to promote affordable housing and eviction protections. Led a medical-legal partnership (MLP) between NLSLA and a federally qualified health center to meet the legal needs of low-income patients in South Los Angeles. Led the Southern California MLP Collaborative.

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS), Los Angeles, California

Equal Justice Works Fellow Sponsored by Greenberg Traurig LLP, September 2013 – August 2015

Founded and led the first MLP in the nation dedicated to youth with mental illness and their families. Served as lead attorney working with low-income caregivers of children with mental illness; practice areas included housing, benefits, health care, education, tickets and warrants, and immigration. Founded a national Behavioral Health MLP Network in collaboration with the National Center for MLP. Wrote grant applications.

Family Defense Clinic, New York University School of Law, New York, New York

Clinical Student, September 2012 – May 2013

With attorney supervision, successfully represented two low-income parents facing allegations of abuse and neglect, in partnership with the Brooklyn Defender Services Family Defense Practice.

Public Counsel Law Center, Impact Litigation Project, Los Angeles, California

Law Clerk, May 2012 – August 2012

Assisted in impact litigation and legislative advocacy relating to migrant workers, education, and racial discrimination against Section 8 voucher holders in the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County.

Immigrant Defense Project, New York, New York

Law Clerk, January 2012 – April 2012

Staffed a national hotline for immigrants at risk of deportation and their advocates. Monitored case law in the wake of *Padilla v. Kentucky*, a Supreme Court case affecting immigrants convicted of crimes.

Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, New York University School of Law, New York, New York

Clinical Student, September 2011 – May 2012

With attorney supervision, represented at-risk patients in an MLP led by the New York Legal Assistance Group. Successfully represented a client in a disability benefits appeal. Researched immigrant access to public benefits.

Urban Justice Center, Mental Health Project, New York, New York

Law Clerk, May 2011 – August 2011

Held weekly interviews with Riker's Island inmates with mental illness to monitor a legal settlement. Successfully represented a client in a disability benefits appeal and conducted general legal research.

Center for Appellate Litigation, Parole Advocacy/Prison Re-Entry Project, New York, New York

Law Clerk, January 2011 – April 2011

Advocated on behalf of prisoners seeking improved conditions, release on parole, and good time credit. Researched the New York Sex Offender Registration Act and wrote memorandum on the bail process.

Brooklyn Legal Services, Foreclosure Prevention Project, Brooklyn, New York

Advocate, June 2009 – January 2010

Managed independent caseload of over thirty homeowners during the national foreclosure crisis. Secured loan modifications and grants for low-income homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Friends In Deed, Pasadena, California

Board Member, December 2015 – June 2017

Served as member of a working board in an interfaith non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating the effects of poverty in Los Angeles's San Gabriel Valley, with a focus on chronically homeless women.

Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC), Oakland, California

Board Member, December 2016 – June 2017

Served as a board member of statewide non-profit organization that advocates for increased funding for legal services and provides training and support to nearly ninety member organizations.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, December 2013

Massachusetts, September 2017 (licensed to practice under Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04)

New York, pending

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certified in Mental Health First Aid. Have given academic lectures and presentations on housing law and mental health at institutions including USC Gould School of Law, Loyola Law School, and the Practicing Law Institute.

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 2011

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar—full tuition scholarship for public service, academic merit, and leadership
New York University Law Review, Notes Editor
New York University President's Service Award 2011

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor Randy Hertz
Multiracial Law Students Association (MuLSA), Admissions Chair

Publication: Note, *Neutralizing the Gendered Collateral Consequences of the War on Drugs*, *NYU Law Review*

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI

A.B. in Public Policy & American Institutions; Africana Studies, May 2005

Honors: Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award
Study Abroad: University of Salamanca, Spain, Spring 2004

EXPERIENCE

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., New York, NY

Assistant Counsel, September 2016-present

Represent plaintiffs in class action lawsuits on a full range of civil rights issues, including educational opportunity, housing rights, and criminal justice. Investigate potential claims. Co-authored Louisiana state court habeas petition for death row client. Co-wrote amicus brief advocating for a cross-racial identification jury instruction in New York State courts.

THE BRONX DEFENDERS, Bronx, NY

Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Practice, September 2011-September 2016

Criminal Defense Practice and Civil Action Project Legal Intern, May-August 2009

Represented clients facing felony and misdemeanor charges at arraignments, pre-trial hearings, and trial (including performing openings, closings, direct and cross examination and winning five not-guilty verdicts). Wrote facial insufficiency motions to dismiss. Provided holistic representation for a caseload of over 120 clients, in collaboration with Civil, Immigration, and Family Defense Attorneys, Client Advocates, and Social Workers. Supervised legal interns. Trained incarcerated individuals in civil rights at Riker's Island.

SUSPENSION REPRESENTATION PROJECT (SRP), New York, NY

Director and Student Advocate, September 2008-Spring 2011

Led organization representing students facing long-term exclusion from NYC public schools. Recruited, trained, and supervised student advocates. Partnered with NYC law schools, sharing client-intake and case management. Co-authored advocacy manual. Represented more than ten students in administrative hearings. Received the *New York State Bar Association 2010 President's Pro Bono Service Award* and the *Equal Justice Works Exemplary Public Service Award* on behalf of the organization.

JUVENILE DEFENDER CLINIC, New York, NY

Student Advocate, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Represented children accused of crimes through all stages of Family Court proceedings under Legal Aid Society supervision.

THE DEFENDER ASSOCIATION, Seattle, WA

Legal Intern, June 2010-August 2010

Advocated for clients facing misdemeanor charges. Co-chaired jury trial with not-guilty verdict for most serious charge.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN, New York, NY

Education Specialist, May 2006-August 2008

Managed helpline for families, school personnel, and social service providers regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Drafted memos for and consulted with NYS Education Department and NYC Department of Education. Conducted technical assistance trainings and authored materials regarding students experiencing homelessness. Created and maintained organization website.

JENNIFER LAWLESS FOR U.S. CONGRESS, Warwick, RI

Director of Planning and Policy Analyst, May 2005-May 2006

Analyzed social policy issues, wrote policy reports and press releases. Communicated with state and community leaders.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficient in Spanish.

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 2015

Honors: Journal of Legislation and Public Policy, Executive Editor

Activities: Domestic Violence Advocacy Project
Public Interest Mentor Program, Co-Chair

Publication: *Young v. UPS, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and the Future of Pregnancy Discrimination Law*, N.Y.U.J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL'Y QUORUM (December 2014).

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, Williamsburg, VA

B.A., double major in Government and History, *cum laude*, May 2012

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, June 2016–Present; *Legal Fellow*, September 2015–June 2016

Participate as active member of litigation team for public benefits class actions, including drafting briefs and motions, interviewing class members, and coordinating with co-counsel. Engage in litigation and policy advocacy relating to workers rights, including workers' compensation and fair pay for home health aides in New York State. Represent low income women in pregnancy discrimination actions brought against employers.

PROFESSOR SARAH BURNS, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Research Assistant, August 2014–May 2015

Provided support to Reproductive Justice Clinic, including assisting the Center for Reproductive Rights with discovery and legal research, and meeting with current clinic students to assist with ongoing casework.

A BETTER BALANCE, Nashville, TN

Legal Intern, September 2014–December 2014

Performed legal research and assisted with work combating pregnancy discrimination, improving leave policies, fair pay, and other issues relating to gender equality in the Southeastern region of the United States.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT, New York, NY

Legal Intern, June 2014–August 2014

Performed legal research on issues relating to women's rights, including pregnancy discrimination, equality in education, and violence against women. Drafted an Office of Civil Rights Complaint as part of WRP's Teach Kids, Not Stereotypes campaign.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Advocate, August 2013–May 2014

Drafted documents and performed research to assist the Center for Reproductive Rights in the discovery process for a current case defending disclosure requirements for limited service pregnancy centers. Performed research for the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project pertaining to long-term litigation strategy.

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OFFICE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT ISSUES, Brooklyn, NY

Legal Intern, June 2013–August 2013

Conducted investigations into sexual harassment complaints filed against employers. Drafted determinations and mediated a settlement between a complainant and respondent.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU) SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D., May 2014

Honors: Kim Barry Memorial Graduation Prize (for commitment to human rights work)
NYU Journal of International Law and Politics, Senior Notes Editor
Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, Student Human Rights Scholar

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, Virginia

B.S. in Physics, May 2008

BAR STATUS

Passed the July 2016 Uniform Bar Examination and the December 2016 New York Law Exam; application for admission pending.

SELECT EXPERIENCE

PEOPLE FOR EQUALITY AND RELIEF IN LANKA, Washington, D.C.

Pro Bono Legal Researcher, August 2009–Present

Research and write about human rights and transitional justice issues in Sri Lanka, including reports, submissions to UN bodies, and op-eds. Make and draft oral statements and speeches. Advocate with UN and US actors. Advised on Sri Lanka's Draft Bill on Right to Information. Drafted an Alien Tort Statute complaint against a former general regarding extrajudicial killings and torture. Participate in strategic planning. Contribute to social media outreach.

MEDIA FOUNDATION FOR WEST AFRICA, Accra, Ghana

Pro Bono Lawyer, September 2015–Present; *Program Officer / NYU Helton Fellow*, August 2014–August 2015

Wrote submissions to UN bodies. Interviewed victims, journalists, and civil society members. Advocated with UN, West Africa region, and state actors. Researched and wrote reports, including on the safety of journalists, impunity, corruption, and the impact of Ebola. Wrote press releases and participated in media outreach. Developed grant applications, strategic plan for 2015–2019, and staff training materials.

GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR JUSTICE, TRUTH, AND RECONCILIATION, New York, New York

Consultant, March 2018–May 2018, September 2017–January 2018

Identified and analyzed key findings on issues and challenges in the implementation of reparations in Cambodia, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Peru, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Uganda, and the former Yugoslavia. Collaborated with partners to develop recommendations on improving reparations efforts and programs. Wrote synthesis report, including recommendations. Updated and edited country case studies.

GLOBAL COALITION TO PROTECT EDUCATION FROM ATTACK, New York, New York

Gender Project Program Officer, January 2017–November 2017

Managed first-ever project examining the gender-specific impacts of attacks on education and how to better protect girls and women. Researched gender issues and integrated a stronger gender perspective into outputs. Liaised with UN and civil society actors. Researched and profiled attacks on education in five countries. Participated in thematic working group and biannual steering committee meetings, which included strategic planning for 2017–2018.

GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR JUSTICE, TRUTH, AND RECONCILIATION, New York, New York

Consultant, September 2016–August 2017

Developed the evaluation methodology for a manual on locally owned transitional justice projects. Wrote parts of and edited entire manual. Led partners in identifying lessons from projects in South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, and the MENA region. Guided partners in Cambodia, Guatemala, and the former Yugoslavia in sharing recommendations on how to use documentation and forensic evidence to contribute to criminal accountability.

GLOBAL JUSTICE CENTER, New York, New York***Legal Fellow***, September 2015–September 2016

Researched and wrote advocacy and communications materials on justice for gender-based atrocity crimes. Submitted inputs to UN OHCHR on gender and countering violent extremism and supported the research for a Burmese women's rights network's CEDAW shadow report. Wrote part of a model indictment of a Burmese general for command responsibility. Assisted with planning an international criminal law crash course in Burma.

PALESTINE WORKS, Ramallah, Palestine***Pro Bono Legal Researcher***, October 2014–December 2014

Researched the situation of Palestinians in East Jerusalem and analyzed Israel's responsibility for violence by private Israeli citizens against Palestinians for a submission to the 2014 UN Commission of Inquiry on Gaza.

PROFESSOR RADHIKA COOMARASWAMY, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York***Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant***, November 2013–May 2014

Assisted with planning, creating syllabi, and selecting materials for courses on "International Human Rights of Women" and "Children and Armed Conflict." Edited and assisted with the 16th Annual Grotius Lecture.

BADIL RESOURCE CENTER FOR PALESTINIAN RESIDENCY AND REFUGEE RIGHTS, Bethlehem, Palestine***Legal Intern / Palestine Works Law Fellow***, June 2013–August 2013

Visited villages and firing zones and interviewed Palestinians about water confiscation, home demolitions, evictions, the separation wall, and firing zones. Analyzed human rights issues raised by forced population transfer under Israeli and international law. Wrote and submitted statement to the UN Human Rights Council.

GLOBAL JUSTICE CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York***Student Advocate***, January 2013–May 2013

Created and oversaw a study with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative to examine the economic and social rights of construction workers affected by Hurricane Sandy. Recruited and managed surveyors. Interviewed key informants.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL JUSTICE, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York***Research Assistant, International Criminal Law Project***, September 2012–January 2013

Conducted legal research on sexual and gender-based violence for an international criminal tribunal.

PEOPLE'S WATCH, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India***Legal Intern / NYU International Law and Human Rights Fellow***, June 2012–August 2012

Investigated the murder of a human rights defender and interviewed witnesses and informants. Visited government tribal residential schools and interviewed children and teachers to document and photograph compliance with India's Right to Education Act. Wrote a report on attacks on human rights defenders in India.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Knowledge of French. Some knowledge of spoken Tamil.

ALUMNUS/A NAME

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 2013

Honors: NYU School of Law International Law and Human Rights Fellow, 2011 & 2012

Journal of International Law and Politics, Notes Editor

Activities: 2012 Annual Public Service Auction, Co-Chair

Jean Pictet Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, Case Supervisor and Student Advocate

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA

B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, May 2010

Thesis: *Moral Responsibility for War: Allocating Causal Responsibility and Blame within Political Structures*, awarded High Honors

Honors: 2010 APDA National Debate Championship, 9th Speaker and 8th two-person team

EXPERIENCE

THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, New York, NY

Assistant Attorney General, Litigation Bureau, February 2018 – Present; August 2014 – May 2016

Worked in civil litigation defending New York State, its agencies, and its employees. Managed caseload involving state and federal cases. Researched and wrote answers, legal memoranda, appellate briefs, client affidavits, motions, and discovery requests and responses.

HONORABLE JOAN MARGOLIS, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, New Haven, CT

Law Clerk, May 2016 – February 2018

CONNECTICUT ATTORNEY GENERAL, Hartford, CT

Antitrust Division Fellow acting as Assistant Attorney General I, October 2013 – August 2014

Worked on small team leading multi-district fraud litigation, with 19 states and the Department of Justice, against credit ratings agencies for alleged misconduct that was at the heart of the nation's financial crisis.

Reviewed evidence, prepared for depositions, and evaluated expert witnesses during discovery phase.

INMOTION, New York, NY

New York Women's Bar Association Fellow, January – May 2013

Represented victims of domestic violence seeking uncontested divorces, orders of protection, and custody, as well as immigration status under the Violence Against Women Act. Conducted client intake, provided brief services to *pro se* clients, researched legal issues, and assisted externs conducting litigation for inMotion clients.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, New York, NY

Clinic Intern, New York University School of Law Prosecution Clinic, September – December 2012

Conducted legal research and assisted with trial preparation for Assistant United States Attorneys in the General Crimes Unit and the Organized Crime & Gangs Unit. Drafted affidavit for the extradition of a defendant from the Dominican Republic. Conducted arraignments in federal court. Participated in course involving simulated arraignments, witness interviews, and opening statements and drafting motions and discovery orders.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, Den Haag, The Netherlands

Appeals Chamber Intern, June – August 2012

Researched and drafted ruling on one ground of appeal in the appellate judgment for the conviction and sentence of Vlastimir Đorđević, the former Assistant Minister of the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs, for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed against Kosovo Albanians in 1999. Researched and wrote memoranda on relevant international criminal jurisprudence for other parts of the appellate judgment.

GLOBAL JUSTICE CLINIC, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Clinic Member, January – May 2012

Researched and developed strategy for advocacy campaign and wrote advocacy manual to regulate the use of autonomous lethal robotics through human rights and humanitarian law. Worked closely with roboticists and human rights advocates.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, Geneva, Switzerland

NYU School of Law International Law and Human Rights Fellow, June – August 2011

Worked in Human Rights Unit of the Department of International Protection. Wrote confidential comments to human rights treaty bodies assessing a state-party's treaty compliance. Reported on human rights treaty evaluations and sessions of the Human Rights Council. Wrote and edited the UNHCR final report on the 17th Session of the Human Rights Council. Assisted research affecting UNHCR policy on Iranian dissidents at Camp Ashraf and on people fleeing conflict- and climate-related crises.

IRAQI REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT, New York, NY

Student Advocate, September 2010 – May 2013

Advocated for two Iraqi clients and their families living in Iraq and Jordan. Conducted client interviews covering sensitive issues such as evidence of persecution. Drafted statements and researched and wrote briefs on the complex legal issues accompanying their applications.

THE BOSTON GLOBE, Boston, MA

Editorial Page Intern and Summer Writing Fellow, January – July 2009

Pitched, researched, and wrote more than twenty unsigned editorials and two op-eds on issues including medical care for veterans and access to post-conviction DNA testing. Invited to stay an additional two months exclusively to write editorials. Mastered writing persuasive pieces on complex policy issues under time and length restrictions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, as well as the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York.

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2015

Honors: Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize, for outstanding work in a clinical course
Flora Newman Prize, for greatest contribution to *Review of Law and Social Change*

Activities: *Review of Law and Social Change*, Digital Executive Editor
Professor Andrew Williams, Lawyering Program, Teaching Assistant
Nicole Barrett, Center for Human Rights & Global Justice, Research Assistant
Prisoners' Rights and Education Project, Volunteer Tutor

KENYON COLLEGE, Gambier, OH

B.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude* with distinction and high honors, May 2009

Honors: John Chesnut Award, for most outstanding student in major
Diamond Storing Award, for best honors thesis in American Politics

Honors Thesis: *The Problem of Prerogative: Examples from the American Presidency*

Study Abroad: University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa (July-November 2007)

EXPERIENCE

THE HON. JAMES L. COTT, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE, S.D.N.Y., New York, NY

Judicial Clerk, April 2017-April 2018

CASA MARIANELLA IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES, Austin, TX

Volunteer, February-April 2017

Worked with clients navigating U.S. immigration law at legal clinic affiliated with emergency homeless shelter. Conducted screening interviews of asylum applicants and assisted with applications for employment authorization and naturalization.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, New York, NY

Fellow, Europe and Central Asia Division, September 2015-September 2016

Authored two reports on the rights of unaccompanied migrant and refugee children, including project design, research, media outreach, and advocacy. Developed and implemented strategies to curb abuses such as arbitrary detention of children, including through direct engagement with government officials. Research on impact of UK counterterrorism strategy. Responded to unfolding events, including through op-eds and press releases. Coordinated extensively with organizers and civil society groups.

GLOBAL JUSTICE CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Advocate, August 2013-May 2015

Partnered with Haitian community organizations to advance human rights in the context of Haiti's gold mining industry. Drafted household survey to monitor the right to water. Collaborated with experts and stakeholders to develop Kreyòl-language resources about mining. With a team, researched and wrote a report on risks of gold mining. Analyzed draft mining law.

ADVANCED MEDIATION CLINIC, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Mediator, January-May 2015

Mediated disputes at small claims court. Designed conflict resolution training for middle school students.

UNEMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTER, New York, NY

Board President, May 2014-May 2015; **NYU Chapter President**, May 2013-May 2014; **Student Advocate**, August 2012-May 2013

Led citywide student-run non-profit that provides advocacy to people seeking unemployment insurance. Supervised employee and managed student leaders of nine chapters at area law schools. Trained students in client-centered representation and legal research. Updated training materials. Represented unemployment insurance claimants at administrative hearings.

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern, July-August 2014

Researched and wrote memoranda on a proposed World Bank labor rights standard and rights-promoting reforms to a preferential trade program. Drafted concept note for civil society event at U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, New York, NY

Graduate Intern, January-May 2014

Research on U.S. criminal justice issues, including abuse of prisoners and coercive plea bargain practices. Drafted sections of a report on use of force against inmates with psychosocial disabilities.

ZHICHENG PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER, Beijing, China

International Law and Human Rights Fellow, May-August 2013

Prepared memoranda on legal issues related to labor migration for Chinese legal aid and policy organization.

U.S. J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT GRANT, Phitsanulok, Thailand

English Teaching Assistant, October 2009-September 2010

Taught English at a public high school in Thailand to tenth and twelfth grade students. Volunteered at a home for child survivors of sex and labor trafficking.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Why Are You Keeping Me Here: Unaccompanied Children Detained in Greece (September 2016). Lead researcher and author, published by Human Rights Watch.

Seeking Refuge: Unaccompanied Children in Sweden (June 2016). Lead researcher and author, published by Human Rights Watch.

Byen Konte, Mal Kalkile? Human Rights and Environmental Risks of Gold Mining in Haiti (December 2015). Core researcher and contributing author, published by the Center for Human Rights & Global Justice at NYU School of Law.

Callous and Cruel: Use of Force Against Inmates with Mental Disabilities in U.S. Jails and Prisons (May 2015). Research assistance and drafting, published by Human Rights Watch.

The Price of Steel: Human Rights and Forced Evictions in the POSCO-India Project (June 2013). Research assistance, co-published by the International Human Rights Clinic at NYU School of Law and the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND BAR ADMISSIONS

Spanish proficient. Admitted to New York Bar (2017).