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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio May 2022–present
Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of the Immigration Clinic

- Teach and supervise Immigration Clinic, including selecting cases, supervising students in all case matters, and appearing as counsel of record in all cases, most of which are affirmative and defensive asylum cases.
- Teach seminar component of course, which includes skills training, lectures on substantive immigration law with a focus on removal proceedings and asylum, case rounds, and facilitated discussions pertaining to the broader issues in the U.S. immigration system.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc., Columbus, Ohio 2016–2022

Senior Attorney (April 2021–April 2022)

Staff Attorney (October 2018–April 2021)

Skadden Fellow (October 2016–October 2018)

- Represented noncitizens in federal employment and civil-rights litigation. Cases included individual and class-action litigation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.
- As lead counsel, won judgment in two Section 1983 class actions against the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for discriminatory licensing policies in February 2020.
- Represented noncitizen clients before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Diverse case load included asylum, cancellation of removal, special immigrant juvenile status, U nonimmigrant status (for crime victims), family-based adjustment of status, temporary protected status, waivers of inadmissibility, motions to reopen, motions to suppress, and bond.
- Collaborated with immigrant rights advocates and community organizations to advance pro-immigrant and pro-worker policies through state and local legislative and administrative advocacy, impact litigation, and community education.

The Honorable Algenon L. Marbley, Columbus, Ohio 2015–2016

United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Law Clerk

The Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., Columbus, Ohio 2014–2015

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Law Clerk

Service Employees International Union, Local 1199WV/KY/OH 2003–2011

Organizing Director/Organizing Coordinator/Organizer

- Led a team of organizers and researchers to develop and execute organizing campaigns for 30,000-member healthcare and social-service union.
- Supervised National Labor Relations Board election campaigns to organize workers in healthcare industry; trained and mentored new organizers; coordinated research efforts on

organizing opportunities in nursing homes, hospitals, and home care; and represented union in advocacy efforts with state policymakers and elected officials.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

J.D., May 2014

- Student Intern, Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (2012–2014)
 - Represented individuals in removal proceedings before the immigration courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
 - Represented workers in Fair Labor Standards Act cases in federal district court.
 - Represented organizational clients in policy and legislative advocacy campaigns.
- Editor, Yale Journal of Law & Feminism
- Co-Director, Rebellious Lawyering Conference
- Member, Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

B.A., June 2003

- Graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors.
- Major in English Literature. Minor in Political Science.

SELECTED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

“It’s Complicated: Working with Undocumented Students and Families.” Columbus City Schools Social Workers Professional Development Workshop (February 2023).

“Movement Lawyering.” John Mercer Langston Bar Association, Columbus Chapter (November 2022).

“Unlawful Policing: What do Legal Aids Need to Know?” Ohio Legal Aid Racial Justice Task Force Annual Symposium (December 2021).

“COVID-19 Relief Laws and Farmworkers.” Midwest Farmworker Law Conference (virtual) (May 2021).

“Ohio immigrants and refugees: lived experiences, mobilizing for change,” Ohio Immigrants and Refugees virtual convening (October 2020).

“Working in Ohio: Challenges and Opportunities” Policy Matters Ohio Work and Wages Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (August 2019).

“Immigration Enforcement: Overview and Fighting Through Affirmative Litigation,” National Farmworker Law Conference, Houston, Texas (November 2018).

“Immigration Law Update,” Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio (October 2018).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Immigration Lawyers Association (Ohio Chapter Advocacy Chair, 2019-2022)
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
- Dilley Pro Bono Project Volunteer (representing detained mothers and children)

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish