

Benjamin Wilson

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EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law

Malibu, CA

Juris Doctor

May 2017

Master of Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

Awards: Second Place in International Refugee Law Group Writing Competition

International Study: London, Paris, and Geneva (2017) – *Intensive course on international dispute resolution systems*; Beijing, Hong Kong ADR Tour (2016) – *Course on international mediation*

Hope College

Holland, MI

Bachelor of Arts in History & International Studies; Minor in Political Science

May 2013

EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Columbus, OH

Staff Attorney & Catalyst Fellow

July 2022 - Current

- Co-teach the mediation clinic with Professor Bill Froehlich to a class of 14 students
- Supervise students in their live mediations at the Franklin County Courthouse, the Prosecutor's Resource Unit, and the Better Business Bureau
- Manage 14 research assistants as a part of the Catalyst Grant through the Divided Communities Project
- Learned qualitative coding with NVivo to synthesize Truth and Reconciliation Commissions into a searchable database
- Facilitated 3 community-based conflict simulations with state and local government officials

Prison of Peace

Los Angeles, CA

Director of Training

March 2019 – June 2022

- Managed programs at 17 California state prisons and 1 Connecticut state prison
- Worked closely with prison administration to expand and enhance programming capabilities
- Taught core communication, restorative justice, and mediation at seven California state prisons
- Directed a team of formerly incarcerated staff to re-enter California state prisons as trained mediators
- Developed the Distance Learning Program and Orientation Correspondence Course to expand existing programming during the lockdown
- Led a team of formerly incarcerated writers to share their stories to support programming during the indefinite lockdown
- Scripted and managed 50+ hours of media projects to support distance learning

Center for Conflict Resolution

Los Angeles, CA

Mediator

March 2018 – July 2018

- Mediated small claims, unlawful detainer, and civil harassment cases in Los Angeles Superior Court

R3SOLUTE

New York, NY

Incorporator & Restorative Justice Consultant

September 2017 – July 2018

- Drafted bylaws and filed the certificate of incorporation and tax-exempt paperwork for an organization educating refugee communities on trauma-informed peer-mediation and conflict competency
- Worked with the team of mediators and medical professionals to develop trauma-informed restorative workshops to build community bonds and empowerment

Pepperdine Mediation Clinic at Los Angeles Superior Court

Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk

January 2017 – May 2017

- Negotiated agreements between disputants through building rapport and explaining mediation
- Exercised restorative and multi-partial principles toward resolving conflict from a neutral perspective

Asylum Access

Oakland, CA

Legal Intern

January 2016 – December 2016

- Drafted sections of the *Refugee Rights Toolkit* on “Strategic Litigation” and “Policy and Advocacy”
- Participated in global advocacy, including projects on urban refugee flows and refugee work rights

BAR ADMISSION

California State Bar (2019); New York State Bar, Third Division (2018)