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EDUCATION

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Juris Doctorate

June 2008

Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Journalism

May 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State

March 2009

Eastern District of New York

August 2013

Arizona State Bar

August 2015

District of Arizona

September 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

FINRA, Las Vegas, NV

January 2018- present

Eligible Arbitrator

- Serve as the decision maker for disputes, and render final and binding decisions.
- Review evidence and testimony from all parties involved.
- Interpret and apply applicable rules and laws to the arbitration process.
- Manage the scope of discoveries.

University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

July 2017-present

Director of Externship Programs

Assistant Professor-In-Residence

- Develop Externship academic curriculum.
- Teach seminar classes in conjunction with Externship placements.
- Monitor and Develop relationships with Field Placements ensuring compliance with ABA standards.
- Advise students on Externship placements that fit their career goals.
- Liaise with Field Supervisors including developing placement descriptions and trainings.
- Coordinate with Faculty Supervisors and support staff to manage Externship program's needs.
- Serve on the University's Student Conduct Board in assessing grade and conduct disputes.
- Served on University's Academic Standards Committee to evaluate academic/grade disputes and suspensions.

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

August 2016- June 2017

Interim Director, Undergraduate Legal Studies & Master of Legal Studies Programs

Professor of Practice

- Prepared and implemented student recruiting strategies.
- Managed Programs policies and procedures.
- Advised students on all matter relating to their student Plan and other academic questions.
- Worked with the Dean of Academic Affairs to enhance student curriculum.
- Reviewed student reflective journals, conducted site visits and evaluated student externship engagement.
- Liaised with teaching faculty in regards to syllabus, student honor code violations and other matters.
- Participated in College Academic Administrator's Council (CAAC) on behalf of the Law College.

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

January 2015- December 2016

Mortgage & Consumer Finance Law Group Director

- Supervised and Trained newly admitted attorneys and law graduates in legal matters.
- Prepared and Filed Chapter 7 & 13 consumer Bankruptcies.
- Negotiated and finalized consumer settlement agreements.
- Drafted deeds and other real estate documents for recording.
- Reviewed and explained loan modifications and supporting legal paperwork.
- Liaised with local non-for-profits and government agents to promote Law Group services.
- Prepared and filed complaints with the Attorney General's office and Consumer Financial Protection Board.
- Drafted and presented fundraising proposals.

Bushwick Housing & Legal Assistance, Brooklyn, NY

November 2013- January 2015

Program Director

- Supervised legal staff and managed all personnel matters.
- Negotiated complex settlements for tenants including buyouts, arrears payments, repairs and other issues.
- Conducted legal research, wrote motions, legal briefs, administrative responses and other legal memorandums.
- Participated in donor and agency audits and coordinate responses and follow-up as needed.
- Developed administrative procedures and internal processes to ensure program efficiency and outcomes.
- Managed budget decisions to ensure program viability and worker satisfaction.

RBSCC Homebase Program, Brooklyn, NY

August 2011- November 2013

Brownsville Homebase Program Director & Staff Attorney

- Supervised Homebase case managers and Outreach team.
- Implemented strategic solutions with case managers to resolve Homebase cases.
- Tracked and presented team data including intake numbers and results at quarterly meetings.
- Conducted internal audits of Homebase case files to ensure compliance with city and internal policies.
- Advised community tenants about their legal rights at on-site Tenant Rights' workshops.
- Reviewed data entry in PALS/CARES software and internal trackers on all cases at Brownsville Homebase.
- Represented Brownsville tenants facing evictions including the filing of emergency Orders to Show Cause.
- Advocated for clients' Public Benefits at administrative hearings with the Human Resources Administration.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Pima County Community Land Trust (PCCLT) – Board Member & Vice President
Volunteer Pro Bono Attorney - Legal Aid Center Southern Nevada

February 2016- June 2017
September 2017-present

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Victims of Domestic Violence and Fair Housing Rights Awareness Training for Behavioral Health Professionals

Presenter

November 2016

Externships 9: Coming of Age

Presenter: "Externships: Teaching Civility and Professionalism"

March 2018

AALS 41st Conference on Clinical Legal Education

Presenter: "Rules of Engagement: Teaching Students to Navigate Difficult Conversations with Purpose and Professionalism"

April 2018

AAL 3rd Exceptional Executive Leadership (ExcEL) for Women

Program Participant

January 2019

Educational Equity Institute

Program Participant

August 2019