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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO

Assistant Professor of Practice & Director, Immigration Law Clinic

July 2018 - Present

Teach and supervise upper level law students in the practice of immigration law and client-centered lawyering. Oversee all aspects of student lawyering, including client interviews, case strategy and management, drafting, filing, and trial practice, before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the State Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and the Immigration Court. Lead a weekly seminar course on substantive immigration law and practical lawyering skills. Provide one-on-one supervision through regular student meetings and case rounds.

Adjunct Professor

January 2012 - June 2013

Taught *Immigration Law and Policy*, an upper level core course, to 2nd and 3rd year JD and LLM students, during the Spring semesters in 2012 and 2013.

Field Supervisor & Adjunct Professor, Civil Rights & Community Justice Clinic

January 2006 - May 2008

Supervised Civil Rights and Community Justice Clinic students placed at Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants (ILSI). Provided training and education in immigration, refugee, and asylum theory and practice. Worked with students on cases involving applications for immigration and naturalization benefits, applications for relief in removal proceeding, and applications for asylum. Coordinated student community education projects.

MIGRANT & IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ACTION (MICA) PROJECT, Louis, MO

Program Coordinator & Supervising Attorney

September 2014 - June 2018

Directly supervised a team of immigration attorneys handling complex immigration cases including removal defense and affirmative applications. Developed uniform systems and best practices to help ensure the provision of competent, professional, and high quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrant communities. Provided support on case management and work plan development to ensure ambitious goals are met. Provided direct representation in immigration cases, including removal defense and affirmative applications. Supervised student interns and volunteers, including law school clinic students and externs. Participated in the development of strong funding relationships to sustain our immigration work. Coordinated and supervised the organization's accounting practices, fundraising efforts, general office management, and volunteer recruitment and management.

BLEISCH LAW FIRM, P.C., St. Louis, MO

Attorney

September 2009 - August 2014

Represented clients regarding various immigration matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, various Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Federal Courts. Provided legal counseling to clients and potential clients regarding eligibility for immigration benefits and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Practice areas included asylum, refugee matters, family-based immigration, consular processing, adjustment of status, naturalization, removal defense, relief for victims of crime and human trafficking, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and temporary protected status.

INTERFAITH LEGAL SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS (ILSI), St. Louis, MO

Legal Director

January 2007 - July 2009

Coordinated and managed the legal work for the agency's various projects, including the Family Reunification Project, the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Project, and the Survivors of Torture Project. Supervised staff attorney,

legal assistant, student interns, and volunteers in their case work. Maintained high personal caseload, including affirmative applications for immigration and naturalization benefits, and defensive applications for relief in removal proceedings. Provided high-quality representation to clients applying for asylum and relief under the Convention Against Torture. Responsible for ensuring all case-completion and client satisfaction goals were met for the various grants. Conducted community trainings.

Staff Attorney

January 2005 - December 2006

Provided direct legal representation to low-income immigrant families in various immigration matters, including political asylum, removal defense, family-based petitions, applications for victims of crime and trafficking, applications for permanent residence, applications for temporary protected status, and naturalization cases. Assisted refugees and asylees in sponsoring family members, obtaining travel documents and becoming permanent residents and U.S. citizens.

LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI, St. Louis, MO

Staff Attorney, Immigration Law Project & Housing Unit

August 2003 - January 2005

Provided direct legal services to low-income clients in immigration and housing cases. Represented noncitizens and their families in various immigration matters before Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals, including family-based petitions, VAWA self-petitions, applications for permanent residence, applications for naturalization, and removal defense. Represented tenants in rent and eviction actions, subsidized housing termination hearings, and condemnation appeals. Represented homeless clients in municipal ordinance violation cases and a federal civil right lawsuit. Conducted community trainings.

EDUCATION:

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO

Juris Doctorate: May 2003

- NAPIL Pro Bono & Public Interest Award for outstanding pro bono and public service commitment
- Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale P.C. Public Interest Fellowship for summer legal work

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO

B.A., Philosophy: May 2000

- Graduated *summa cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL AWARD:

ST. LOUIS BAR FOUNDATION *SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AWARD*

October 12, 2018

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

“MELTING POLAR ICEBERGS: TEACHING EMPATHY & SELF-CARE AS CORE SKILLS IN ASYLUM ADVOCACY”

AALS Clinical Section Annual Conference, Concurrent Session

May 5, 2019

“CURRENT CHALLENGES IN IMMIGRATION LAW”

Washington University School of Law Reunion Weekend CLE

April 12, 2019

PANEL MODERATOR: “COUNSELING LGBTQIA IMMIGRANTS & ASYLUM SEEKERS”

14th Annual Midwest LGBTQIA Rights Conference, Washington University School of Law

March 22, 2019

PANELIST: “REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: CRISIS IN U.S. POLICY”

Washington University School of Law, Public Interest Law & Policy Speaker Series, St. Louis, MO

September 20, 2018

“THE BROKEN U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AND THE RISE OF ‘SANCTUARY’ AS A MORAL RESPONSE”

Congregation Shaare Emeth, St. Louis, MO

March 7, 2018

“RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS”

Effective Domestic Violence Services for Immigrants and Refugees

St. Louis Family Violence Council Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO

September 15, 2018

“HOW THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS AFFECTING OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES”
 We Stories, University City Library, University City, MO **May 13, 2017**

GUEST LECTURE: “REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW OVERVIEW”
 Immigration Law Course, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **April 8, 2017**

“BASICS OF ASYLUM LAW AND PROCESS”
Advocacy for Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Challenging Times
 Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **February 10, 2017**

“IMMIGRATION: POST INAUGURATION,” Co-Presenter with Kristine Walentik
 International Institute, St. Louis, MO **February 1, 2017**

“WALKING WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LEGAL PROCESS”
Contemporary Issues: Immigration; Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, Ladue, MO **January 22, 2017**

ST. LOUIS ON THE AIR WITH DON MARSH, Radio Guest with Professor Stephen Legomsky
 St. Louis Public Radio (NPR affiliate), St. Louis, MO **December 5, 2016**

“2016 ELECTIONS: IMPACT ON IMMIGRATION LAW POLICY” & “IMMIGRATION MYTHS V. REALITY
 The Missouri Bar’s *Mini Law School for the Public*, St. Louis County Council, St. Louis, MO **October 5, 2016**

GUEST LECTURE: “RELIEF FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.”
Domestic Violence and the Law, Prof. Nina Balsam
 Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **April 22, 2016**

“ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS IN PARTNERSHIP AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”
 Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV), Immigration Task Force
 Jefferson City, MO **October 30, 2015**

“ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS”
 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Missouri-Kansas Chapter Annual Conference
 Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **March 20, 2015**

PANELIST: “LGBT CLIENT VOICES: IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM, INCARCERATION”
 Midwest LGBTQ Law Conference, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **February 15, 2014**

GUEST LECTURES: “IMPLICATIONS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS”
Immigration Debate seminar, Prof. Richard Middleton, Saint Louis University School of Law **September 10, 2009**
America’s Immigration Debate, Prof. Richard Middleton, University of Missouri- St. Louis **February 11, 2009**

“IMMIGRATION LAW AND CULTURAL AWARENESS IN ST. LOUIS”
Multidisciplinary Training for Child Welfare Cases, St. Louis Family Court, St. Louis, MO **October 15, 2008**

“EFFECTS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS ON WELLNESS”
 St. Louis Survivors of Torture Collaborative Training, St. Louis, MO **September 26, 2008**

“RELIEF FOR IMMIGRANT VICTIMS OF CRIMES IN THE U.S.”
Current Practices in Law & ADR Conference, Presented by U.S. Arbitration & Mediation Midwest and Washington
 University School of Law, St. Louis, MO **April 17, 2008**

“BASIC REMOVAL PROCEDURES IN ST. LOUIS”
 American Immigration Lawyers Association, Missouri-Kansas Chapter, St. Louis, MO **October 19, 2007**

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI, Admitted September 2003

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, Admitted December 2003

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT, Admitted November 2011

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA), 2002 - Present

Member: Active member of Missouri/ Kansas Chapter since 2003

Vice-President, Missouri/ Kansas Chapter: June 2012 - June 2013

Award: Peter Ferrara Chapter Scholarship, June 2007

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (AALS)

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA)

MIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ACTION (MICA) PROJECT

Board of Directors, August 2012 – September 2014