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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW — Baltimore, Maryland
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law — July 2020 – Present

- Direct the Bronfein Family Law Clinic, an in-house live-client one semester clinic providing legal representation, advocacy, and community education projects in the areas of family law and gender violence. Responsibilities include supervision of students in litigation and project work, development of clinic policies and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic, docket selection, student recruitment, curriculum design, and clinic management.
- Supervise a Clinical Teaching Fellow and provide mentorship, support, and feedback as the fellow develops her clinical teaching, student supervision, and lawyering skills.
- Co-teach a weekly clinic seminar, including classes on family law, domestic violence, evidence, civil procedure, professional responsibility, trial advocacy, client-centered interviewing, counseling, cross-cultural lawyering, collaboration, case theory, fact investigation, and narrative.
- Redesigned the clinic seminar, altered the docket, and modified student supervision techniques because of the COVID-19 pandemic and online teaching. Employ best practices in online teaching pedagogy and remote legal representation.
- Teach the Advanced Immigrant Rights Clinic in Spring 2021.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW — Baltimore, Maryland
Immigrant Rights Clinic, Clinical Teaching Fellow — July 2017 – June 2020

- Co-taught a weekly clinic seminar, including classes on immigration law, evidence, professional responsibility, trial advocacy, interviewing, counseling, writing, and cross-cultural lawyering.
- Supervised law students as they developed their lawyering skills and professional identity through direct representation of clients in immigration removal proceedings, community advocacy projects, and an immigration advice and counsel clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital.
- Directed the Immigrant Rights Clinic during the spring 2018 semester while the Director was on leave and in the spring 2020 semester while the Director was on sabbatical. Responsibilities included syllabus design, teaching the weekly seminar, docket selection, supervision of students, maintaining relationships with community partners, and converting to a virtual clinic due to the pandemic.
- Developed and launched a new medical-legal partnership with Johns Hopkins Hospital and direct a weekly immigration clinic at the hospital. Collaborated with doctors, nurses, and social workers on services to better addresses health-harming social needs of the local immigrant population.
- Faculty Advisor for the Immigration Law Association (Spring 2020).
- Participated in weekly meetings with clinical faculty on pedagogy and implementing best practices.
- Guest faculty lecturer for the Law and Poverty and Special Topics in Applied Feminism seminars.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW Baltimore, Maryland
Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic, Clinical Teaching Fellow January 2020 – June 2020

- Co-taught a weekly clinic seminar focusing on lawyering skills and values, including trial advocacy, negotiation, client-centered interviewing, counseling, case theory, and fact development. Course covered poverty law, professional responsibility, civil procedure and evidence.
- Supervised live-client case work by law students on a variety of civil litigation matters.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS LAW CENTER Los Angeles, California
Managing Attorney November 2015 – June 2017

- Co-managed one of the largest U.S. immigrant children's representation programs, which provides direct legal services to more than 500 children each year, including refugees, unaccompanied minors, and foster youth.
- Represented clients in the California Supreme Court, Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, California Courts of Appeal, family court, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in their immigration and related family law matters. This work included adversarial trials, brief writing, motion practice, negotiation, and oral argument.
- Acted as a consultant to the California Legislature and Judicial Council in crafting state court procedures for handling SIJS findings, including drafting the legislative history for Assembly Bill 1603 (2015-2016).
- Conducted national, statewide and local trainings on children's immigration issues with a focus on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS).
- Advocated for access to justice and protections for immigrants at the local and state level through activities such as participating in a roundtable with former California Attorney General Kamala Harris to advocate for additional legal resources for unaccompanied minors, testifying at Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor meetings in support of the LA Justice Fund, rallying in support of the California Values Act, and working with California Assemblyman Marc Levine to introduce legislation to expand access to SIJS predicate orders.
- Directly supervised four staff attorneys, a paralegal, a legal assistant, and law student interns.

PUBLIC COUNSEL Los Angeles, California
Staff Attorney November 2014 – November 2015

- Defended unaccompanied minors in Immigration Court and represented them in their asylum, U Visa, T Visa and SIJS applications.
- Trained and mentored pro bono attorneys and members of the Southern California SIJS collaborative on SIJS petitions in family court and probate court.
- Practiced trauma-informed lawyering and collaborated with therapists, social workers, and educators.

IMMIGRATION CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN Los Angeles, California
Staff Attorney April 2013 – November 2014

- Enabled low-income survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes to stabilize their immigration status through representation in U Visa, T Visa, and VAWA applications.
- Engaged in coalition-building to expand and improve access to legal services for immigrants.

PUBLIC LAW CENTER Santa Ana, California
Legal Fellow August 2012 – April 2013

- Supervised a pro se Guardianship Clinic at the Orange County Superior Court to assist people petitioning the court to serve as a legal guardian for children whose parents are unable to care for them.
- Served as a member of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and travelled Southern California providing trainings on T Visas to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- Provided direct legal assistance to low-income clients with applications for immigration relief including U Visa, VAWA, SIJS, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Organized and directed "know your rights" presentations and pro se citizenship & DACA clinics.
- Conducted intakes and legal orientations to detained immigrants at the James A. Musick Facility.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR BETTER HOUSING Chicago, Illinois
Housing Law Clerk January 2012 – March 2012

- Represented indigent tenants in eviction and building court proceedings as a Certified Law Student in the Circuit Court of Cook County, negotiated settlement agreements, and conducted discovery.
- Organized building meetings and educated tenants and tenant advocates on the Chicago Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance, the rights of tenants living in foreclosed buildings, the eviction process, building code standards, and condominium law.

CABRINI GREEN LEGAL AID Chicago, Illinois
Family Law Clerk January 2010 – August 2010; August 2011 – December 2011

- Represented low-income clients in custody, visitation, paternity, child support, and dissolution of marriage proceedings as a Certified Law Student in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

BAY AREA LEGAL AID Richmond, California
Housing Law Clerk May 2011 – August 2011

- As a Certified Law Student, represented tenants in the Richmond Superior Court and Section 8 Voucher termination hearings and negotiated Repayment Agreements between clients and local Housing Authorities. Assisted pro se litigants with pleadings in landlord-tenant matters.

SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW Chicago, Illinois
Law Clerk January 2011 – April 2011

- Researched and wrote legal memoranda on housing barriers for individuals with criminal records, the legality of residency preferences in HUD subsidized housing programs, and protections for renters living in foreclosed property.

– Participated in Title VI working group meetings and discussed strategies to reduce barriers faced by people with criminal records.

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION Chicago, Illinois
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Judge Michael Panter September 2010 – November 2010

– Wrote court orders for pro se litigants, researched and drafted a memorandum on exemptions from court ordered mediation for domestic violence victims, maintained the Judge's docket, and observed settlement conferences and trials.

BAR ADMISSION & EDUCATION

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA (2012), Bar Number: 287435

STATE BAR OF MARYLAND, Authorized to practice law in Maryland pursuant to Rule 19-218

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois
Juris Doctor, conferred *cum laude* May 2012
– Public Interest Honors Scholar (tuition award)
– Family Law Clinic Student Attorney (Spring 2012)
– Immigration Clinic Student Attorney (Fall 2011)
– Poverty Law Clinic Student Attorney (Fall 2010)
– Research Assistant, International Human Rights Law Institute (Fall 2009)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, New York
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, conferred May 2008
– Dean's List (Spring 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2006, and Fall 2006)

PUBLICATIONS

– *Accommodating Childhood in Immigration Removal Proceedings* (work-in-progress)

– Nickole Miller, Op-Ed, *Trump's new rules against asylum seekers are dire. They must be challenged.*, THE WASH. POST, June 19, 2020, available at https://tinyurl.com/yb4e7dd2.

– Nickole Miller, Op-Ed, *Ending family separation is not enough; stop detaining families indefinitely*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, June 22, 2018, at News 13, available at https://goo.gl/CwX199.

– Nickole Miller, Letter to the Editor, *Justice is Needed for all Detained Immigrants*, THE WASH. POST, April 30, 2018, at A16, available at https://goo.gl/hU2niq.

– Nickole Miller, Letter to the Editor, *Inaccurate Claims from Mr. Sessions*, THE WASH. POST, Oct. 16, 2017, at A14, available at https://goo.gl/f2pfb2.

– Editor, *Frequently Asked Questions in 1-Parent Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases in California Family Courts*, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, April 13, 2016, available at https://urlzs.com/d2kbk.

– Nickole G. Miller, *Projecting Hope and Making Reel Change in Africa*, 30 Human Rights Quarterly 827-38 (August 2008).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

– Presenter, *Meet Them Where They Are: A Medical-Legal Partnership in the Age of Trump*, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, BYU Law School (June 2019).

– Panelist, *Gumming Up the Wheels of Injustice*, AALS Conference on Clinical Education, San Francisco, CA (May 2019).

– Presenter, *Accommodating Childhood in Immigration Removal Proceedings*, Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, NYU Law School (September 2018).

– Presenter, *DACA and TPS Information Session*, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (February 2018).

– Guest Lecturer, *Spotlight on Unaccompanied Minors: The Implications of U.S. Law on Public Health,* University of Maryland, Baltimore County (November 2017).

– Presenter, *DACA Updates*, Towson University (September 2017).

– Presenter, *Immigration Relief for Immigrant Survivors of Abuse*, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (August 2017).

– Panelist, *Special Immigrant Juveniles: Basics of Application, Procedures, and Recent Trends & Providing Holistic Services to Survivors*, Federal Bar Ass'n Immigration Law Conference (May 2017).

– Co-Presenter, *Nuts and Bolts of SIJS in California Family Courts*, Practicing Law Institute Training on Representing Unaccompanied Children in California (December 2016).

– Panelist, *Seeking Justice Through the Courts*, Southwestern Law School Clinical Conference (September 2016).

– Trainer, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings in LA Family Court*, Public Counsel (October 2015).

SERVICE

– Member, New Clinicians Committee, Clinical Legal Education Association (October 2017 – Present)

– Immigration Working Group Leader, AALS Conference on Clinical Education (May 2018)

– Represent pro bono clients in immigration removal defense and appellate cases, including *Bianka M. v. Superior Court*, in which the California Supreme Court reversed a decision by the Court of Appeal and published a favorable decision for my pro bono client that cleared a pathway to safety and security for her and thousands of immigrant children residing in California.

– Engage in community outreach and capacity building through "know your rights" presentations and trainings on immigration hot topics to non-profit organizations, schools, and community members.

SELECTED APPELLATE LITIGATION (co-counsel of record)

– *Bianka M. v. Superior Court* (2018) 5 Cal.5th 1004.

– *O-S-N-M-*, AXXX XXX 633 (BIA July 10, 2017).

– *M-M-J*, AXXX XXX 552 (BIA March 15, 2017).
– *Wilder P. v. Superior Court*, review granted Oct. 19, 2016, S236755, trans. to Cal. Ct. App. with directions.
– *Santos M. v. Superior Court* (Sept. 8, 2016, B277308), unpublished [Cal. Ct. App., 2d Dist., Div. Three].
– *Bryan S. v. Superior Court* (Feb. 24, 2015, B267454), unpublished [Cal. Ct. App., 2d Dist., Div. Five].

REFERENCES

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