

EMILY J. JOHANSON

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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2020

Honors: Pro Bono High Honors (completed over 200 hours of pro bono service during law school)
Pro Bono Student Leadership Award
UCI Law Moot Court Competition 2018-2019, Best Brief Award and Overall Quarterfinalist
International Law Fellow, sponsored by the UCI Center on Globalization, Law, and Society

Activities: National Lawyers Guild, *Students for Justice in Palestine Liaison*, *Legal Observer*
International Refugee Assistance Project, *Policy and Community Outreach Director*
Faculty Appointment Committee, *Student Representative*

Pro Bono: Expungement Clinic
Public Law Center Naturalization Fair
Street Law

Publication: Emily J. Johanson, *The Migrant Protection Protocols: A Death Knell for Asylum*, 11 U.C. Irvine L. Rev. 873 (2021).

Kellogg College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

Master of Science in Migration Studies, July 2015

Thesis Title: *The Securitization of the U.S. Airport Border: Governance in the Era of the “War on Terror”*

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs, *magna cum laude*, May 2013

Minor in Sociocultural Anthropology

Concentrations in International Politics and Global Public Health

Honors: Board of Trustees Scholarship
Dean’s List, Fall 2010 – Fall 2012

Study Abroad: American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, Sept. 2011 – Jun. 2012

EXPERIENCE

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic

December 2022 – Present

Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, Baltimore, MD

Senior Attorney, Maryland Universal Representation Team

July 2022 – December 2022

- Supervise law student intern on a detained merits case over the course of the semester.
- Supervise legal assistants in various case support tasks for my own docket of cases as well as case support for other attorneys on the Maryland Universal Representation Team.

Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow, Maryland Universal Representation Team

Sept. 2020 – July 2022

- Direct legal representation of detained clients in removal proceedings before the Baltimore, Arlington, and Cleveland Immigration Courts, on wide-ranging case types including all forms of fear-based relief, 209(c) waiver, U visa, SIJS adjustment, Motions to Re-open, etc.
- Direct legal representation of detained clients on appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals.
- Participate in stakeholder relationship activities and external advocacy, including meetings with community groups, governmental representatives, journalists, and other legal services providers.

- Member of CAIR Coalition’s Equity and Inclusion Committee

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Dean’s Fellow

Aug. 2019 – May 2020

- Provided supplemental academic instruction for first-year students, including leading academic skills trainings using substantive legal doctrine.
- Organized first-year student academic and social events.

Research Assistant to UCI Law Dean Song Richardson

Aug. 2019 – April 2020

- Researched the problems and solutions arising from the ways that artificial intelligence systems reproduce and amplify gender biases.

Immigrant Rights Clinical Law Student (Certified)

Aug. 2018 – May 2019

- Represented detained clients in bond proceedings before the Adelanto, CA Immigration Court.
- Collaborated with the National Immigrant Law Center to advocate against the proposed changes to the “public charge” ground of inadmissibility.
- Interviewed potential plaintiffs, prepared research memos, and collaborated with a large co-counsel team to prepare for litigation against ICE’s deceptive arrest tactics.

Co-leader of Al Otro Lado Tijuana Border Rights Project

Jan. 2018 – April 2020

- Led a student group to Tijuana, Mexico 2-4 times per semester to volunteer in Al Otro Lado’s legal intake clinics.
- Organized a new student-run clinic offering free legal consultations, including assessing viability of post-conviction relief claims, to people living in Tijuana after deportation.

American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego & Imperial Counties, San Diego, CA Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019

Legal Intern

- Drafted legal memoranda to inform potential impact litigation cases at the intersection of police practices and immigrants’ rights issues.
- Participated in the legal orientation program at the Imperial Detention Center, offering individualized legal information and resources for detained, *pro se* immigrants.

Office of the Federal Public Defender, Eastern Dist. of California, Sacramento, CA Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018

Legal Intern

- Worked on a student team representing a caseload of clients charged with misdemeanors.
- Developed case theories, drafted legal documents, and corresponded with clients regarding mitigation strategies.
- Wrote research memoranda for trial attorneys about felony immigration and sexual misconduct cases.

Search for Common Ground, Beirut, Lebanon

Jan. 2016 – Jun. 2017

Program Associate

- Designed, drafted, and finalized conflict transformation project proposals and reports.
- Conducted internal and external consultations about local community needs to inform future proposals.
- Led staff meetings regarding new proposal development and strategy.
- Liaised between project implementation departments to elicit feedback and incorporate best practices.

BAR ADMISSION

- California (2021)

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (Full Professional proficiency) | Levantine Arabic (Intermediate proficiency)