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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

Legal Writing Professor

Visiting Legal Writing Professor

Adjunct Legal Writing Professor

Teach Legal Writing to first-year law students and Advanced Legal Writing to upper-level students. As needed, teach courses in the Immigration Law curriculum (Refugee & Asylum Law; Immigration Law). Design curricula and prepare instructional materials. Provide students with extensive one-on-one assistance and feedback. Supervise teaching assistants. Work closely with other professors in a collegial environment.

Boulder, CO

May 2017-present

Aug. 2016-May 2017

Spring 2011

ROCKY MOUNTAIN IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY NETWORK

Detention Program Managing Attorney

Children's Program Staff Attorney

Managed legal services program serving men and women in immigration detention, including supervising staff, coordinating schedules, recruiting and training legal interns, and ensuring compliance with grants and contracts. Empowered *pro se* individuals with information about how to represent themselves in Immigration Court. Provided direct legal representation to indigent immigration detainees, including as court-appointed counsel for those deemed mentally incompetent. Recruited, trained, and mentored student interns and volunteer attorneys. Presented regularly at Continuing Legal Education and outreach events.

Denver, CO

Jan. 2014-Aug. 2016

Aug. 2013-Jan. 2014

GREEN AND GARDNER, LLC

Associate Attorney

Managed caseload consisting of complex appeals and motions, including Petitions for Review before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and Motions to Reopen before the Board of Immigration Appeals; removal defense; waivers of inadmissibility; family petitions; self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act; and U visas. Trained and supervised support staff. Communicated with Spanish-speaking clients orally and in writing.

Boulder, CO

May 2010-Feb. 2014

LISA E. BATTAN, P.C.

Associate Attorney

Represented clients in immigration matters including family petitions, waivers of inadmissibility, naturalization, and removal defense. Appeared regularly before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the Administrative Appeals Office. Drafted memoranda, motions, and briefs. Supervised support staff.

Boulder, CO

Mar. 2007- Dec. 2009

ROCKY MOUNTAIN IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY NETWORK

Staff Attorney

Provided interactive "know-your-rights" presentations to large groups of detained men and women facing removal proceedings. Designed and facilitated small-group workshops for *pro se* individuals. Supervised student interns and volunteers. Conducted intake and evaluated cases for referral. Represented clients before the Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals.

Denver, CO

Sept. 2005-Mar. 2007

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW

Student Law Clerk

Denver, CO

Spring 2005

Provided research and writing support to immigration judges in Denver, CO; Chicago, IL; and Bloomington, MN. Drafted decision in complex asylum case, and formulated guidance for judges regarding the Child Status Protection Act.

COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES, MIGRANT DIVISION

Greeley, CO

Legal Intern

Summer 2004

Conducted outreach to migrant labor camps throughout Northern Colorado. Advocated on behalf of farm workers concerning wages, working conditions, and housing. Assisted in identifying plaintiffs and gathering facts for human trafficking case.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW TIMES NEWSPAPERS

May 1997-Sept. 2001

- *Staff Writer*, *Fort Worth Weekly*, Fort Worth, TX, Mar. 2001-Sept. 2001
- *Editorial Fellow*, *Westword*, Denver, CO, Aug. 2000-Feb. 2001
- *Editorial Intern*, *Westword*, Summer 1997 and Summer 1998

Received Press Club of Dallas Katie Award for Best General News Story, 2001.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF LAW

Boulder, CO

Juris Doctorate

May 2005

- **Class Rank: 13 of 172**
- *Honors*: Order of the Coif; Dean's List, Fall 2003 and Spring 2005; Gene R. Nichol Scholarship; Dufford & Brown Legal Writing Competition Award; Jonathan B. Chase Human Rights Fellowship
- *Activities*: Student Attorney, University of Colorado Legal Aid and Defender Program (Immigration Clinic); National Lawyers Guild; Rural Immigrant Outreach Program

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Fort Collins, CO

Bachelor of Arts in Technical Journalism, cum laude

May 2000

- *Honors*: Boettcher Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Admissions: United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, February 2013
Colorado Supreme Court, October 2005

Activities: Member, Legal Writing Institute, July 2016-present
Participant, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Scholars Group, August 2018-present
Member, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network Pro Bono Mentoring Panel, 2006-2012 and 2016-present
Member, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network Board of Directors, 2010-2013
Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Colorado Chapter, 2005-2015
Secretary, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Colorado Chapter, 2009-2010

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Working with Experts and Constructing the Narrative" (with Sarah Plastino), Asylum Law Conference 2019 (International Rescue Committee, RMIAN, AILA Colorado), August 2019
- "Promoting Student Well-Being: Lessons from the Trenches of Deportation Defense," Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Denver, CO, March 2018
- "Understanding the Current Immigration Landscape and Providing Effective Evaluations in Immigration Cases," University of Denver School of Professional Psychology, Denver, CO, 2016

- “Forms of Relief and Mental Health,” National Qualified Representative Program Training Program, Vera Institute for Justice, Los Angeles, CA, 2015
- “Immigration Law - Asylum and Other Humanitarian Relief,” Colorado Bar Association CLE, Denver, CO, 2015
- “Working with Clients in Immigration Detention,” HealthRight International Human Rights Clinic, Denver, CO, 2015
- “Criminal Immigration,” Legal Orientation Program Training Program, Vera Institute for Justice, San Diego, CA, 2014
- “Mental Health and Capacity in Immigration Court,” Colorado Bar Association CLE, Denver, CO, 2014
- “Cancellation of Removal for Certain Permanent Residents,” Model Hearing Program, RMIAN and the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Denver, CO, 2014
- “Family-Based Paths to Permanent Residence,” Colorado Bar Association CLE, 2013

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

- Spanish – professional proficiency in both oral and written communication