# **CORTNEY V. PRICE**

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#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services 2013 - Present

Associate Counsel, Denver, CO

- Advise the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office and the Office of Immigration • Litigation, on immigration-related litigation pending in federal district court.
- Defend adverse agency decisions of visa petitions pending administrative appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals through persuasive legal briefs.
- Conduct case review and provide objective legal analyses to Immigration Services Officers adjudicating requests for immigration benefits in the Denver, Salt Lake City, Boise and Helena field offices.
- Collaborate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on initiating removal proceedings for ineligible aliens.
- Develop and present substantive training presentations to Immigration Services Officers and Associate Counsels in a variety of forums (web-based and live), with attendance ranging from 10 to 300, concerning recent and comprehensive developments in immigration law, regulation and policy.
- Develop and supervise a legal externship program, hosting one 2L or 3L law student every academic semester.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- Inadmissibility, Deportability and Waivers and Terrorism-Related Inadmissibility Grounds, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Academy, Charleston, SC (September 20-22, 2017)
- The Role of Representing the Government, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Immigration and Refugee Asylum Coalition (September 14, 2016)
- Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Central Region (August 25, 2016; April 19, 2017)
- INA § 204(1): Preserving Petition after Petitioner's Death, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Salt Lake City Field Office (June 8, 2016)
- Convictions and Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 19 (November 18, 2015; November 24, 2015; March 2, 2016; March 9, 2016)
- Conditional Permanent Residents and Form I-751, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 19 (November 4, 2015)
- Cases of National Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 19 (October 14, 2015)
- Acquired and Derived U.S. Citizenship, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 19 (September 16, 2015)

• *The Adam Walsh Act*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 19 (February 25, 2015)

## EDUCATION

University of Arkansas School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude	
GPA: 3.566	2013
• Journal of Food Law and Policy, Note and Comment Editor	
Arent Fox/Dale Bumpers Excellence in Writing Award, 2011-12 recipient	
Missouri State University, B.S., Business Administration, cum laude	
GPA: 3.71	2009
Missouri-London Study Abroad Program participant, Imperial College, London	
PUBLICATIONS	
A Piece on a Precedent: An Alien's Neverland and the Board's Recognition That Some "Children" Never Grow Up, 3 Across the Field 4 (January 2016) (USCIS internal publication).	
A Play-by-Play: The Board's Consideration of Evidence Submitted for the First Time on Appeal, 2 Across the Field 2 (April 2014) (USCIS internal publication).	
The Real Toy Story: The San Francisco Board of Supervisors Healthy Food Incentives Ordinance, 8 J. FOOD L. & POL'Y 347 (Fall 2012).	
HONORS AND SERVICE	
• U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Operations Directorate Vigilar and Integrity Award For Superior Achievement (2016)	ıce
• U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Chief Counsel's Focus Team Award: <i>Descamps/Chairez</i> BIA Working Group (2015)	
<ul> <li>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Operations Directorate Partnershi Award: The Senior Leadership Review Board Team (National Security Case) (201</li> <li>USCIS Sustained Superior Performance Award 2015, 2016, 2017</li> </ul>	+

### **BAR ADMISSION**

State of Arkansas

2013