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Managing Partner  
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Senior Attorney, Attorney, Legal Intern

- x Represented clients in removal proceedings, federal litigation, asylum matters, motions to reopen, detention and bond issues, waivers of inadmissibility, U visas, AWA self-petitions, consular processing, complex adjustment of status and naturalization matters, family and employment-based petitions.
- x Independently managed a caseload of 7025 cases at one time.
- x Conducted consultations and retained clients.
- x Supervised and reviewed work of associate attorneys, paralegals, and legal interns.
- x Briefed, argued, and won Petition for Review before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, *Crespo v. Holder*, 631 F.3d 130 (4th Cir. 2011), a precedent decision.

, Washington, DC

Immigration Intern

- x Provided direct legal services to low-income clients, including: asylum, family-based petitions, Violence Against Women Act self-petitions, NACARA relief, Temporary Protected Status, adjustment of status, and naturalization.

, Falls Church, VA

Judicial Intern

- x Drafted judicial decisions.
- x Discussed the merits of legal arguments with immigration judges.
- x Researched eligibility for relief from removal.
- x Reviewed and analyzed documentary evidence and testimony presented before the court.
- x Observed individual and master calendar hearings.

, Washington, DC

Legal Intern

- x Drafted appellate briefs and motions in response to asylum, withholding of removal, Convention Against Torture, cancellation of removal, and voluntary departure claims.
- x Reviewed and analyzed records of proceedings before the U.S. Immigration Courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals.
- x Participated in mock oral arguments for attorneys preparing for oral argument before the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals.

, Washington, DC

Legal Intern

- x Prepared briefing materials and briefed the Senator and his staff.
- x Researched legislative issues and public policy proposals.
- x Corresponded with constituents regarding their concerns.

, New York, NY

Intern

- x Conducted research and interviews with community members to gain perspectives of key partners and stakeholders to develop a common agenda that can be followed in pursuit of solutions to social and economic problems around the world.
- x Researched potential donors and funding sources, and drafted grant applications.

, New York, NY

Intern

- x Researched and drafted memoranda regarding current migration patterns and refugee crises around the world.
- x Maintained national press clipping service on migration and refugees.
- x Drafted extensive press summaries, which were published in Migration World Magazine.

x [Practical Guide to U.S. Asylum Law and Procedure](#), 8th Edition, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2019.

x [Practical Guide to U.S. Asylum Law and Procedure](#), 7th Edition, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2015.

x [What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Immigration Law](#), American Bar Association, 2014.

x [Citizenship & Naturalization Law](#) 2014.

[Representing Stateless Asylum Seekers in the United States](#) IMMIGRATION BRIEFINGS October and November 2019

[Immigration Briefings](#) October and November 2017

[Crisis at the Border, Part III: Reinstatement of Removal and Demonstrating a Reasonable Fear of Persecution or Torture](#) IMMIGRATION BRIEFINGS October 2016.

[Immigration Briefings](#) April 2016.

[Crisis at the Border, Part I: Securing Access to Protection Following CBP Screening](#) IMMIGRATION BRIEFINGS November 2015.

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[Immigration Briefings](#) June 2013.

[Immigration Briefings](#) April 2012.

[Prohibition on Adjustment of Status and Strategies for Representing Alleged Crewmen](#) IMMIGRATION BRIEFINGS June 2010.

[Immigration Law Today](#), May/June 2008.

[Asylum Claims Based on Female Genital Mutilation: A](#)

x [Immigration in the Shadow of Sovereignty CINETS Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, October 7, 2016.](#)

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Author of several conference papers, practice advisories, practice alerts, and blog posts



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- x Reviewed records of proceedings for appeals pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals to select cases for the BIA Pro Bono Project.
- x Served as a mentor for pro bono attorneys representing asylum seekers.



x *Washingtonian* magazine

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 AILA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV

- x Presented for exemplary service to the President and to AILA.

AILA Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD

- x Presented to members of the AILA Artesia Project for dedicated efforts to promote justice and provide access to counsel, and for proven tenacity in the fight to end family detention.