

# Uzoamaka Emeka Nzelibe

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## **EDUCATION**

**New York University School of Law**, New York, NY

J.D., May 1999

**Honors:** *Journal of International Law and Politics*, Staff Editor  
Lawyering Program, Teaching Assistant

**Activities:** Black Allied Law Students Association, Chairperson  
Symposium on Asylum Based on Female Genital Circumcision, Moderator  
Published in *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

B.S. in Environmental Engineering, June 1996

**Honors:** African-American Student Affairs “Most Outstanding Engineer”  
Dean’s List

**Activities:** African Students Organization, Publicity Secretary

## **EXPERIENCE**

**Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, IL

June 2004-Present

***Clinical Assistant Professor of Law***

- ◆ Represent low-income immigrants in proceedings before the Chicago immigration court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Department of Homeland Security, including women and children seeking asylum; abused, abandoned or neglected children seeking special immigrant juvenile visa status; applicants for relief under the Violence Against Women’s Act; women and children eligible for T (trafficking) visas or U (crime victim) visas; as well as green card holders and undocumented immigrants facing removal from the United States.
- ◆ Supervise and teach litigation skills to second and third year law students working on immigration cases. Provide assistance and training to Chicago area attorneys working on children’s immigration matters.
- ◆ Assist in the development of law school legal clinics in West Africa.

**Bank One, N.A.**, Chicago, IL

August 2003-May 2004

***Contract Attorney***

- ◆ Member of transition team charged with performing primary due diligence review of corporate documents for sale of bank’s corporate trust division. Reviewed and analyzed trust indentures, standby bond purchase agreements, commercial mortgages, escrow agreements, letters of credit, and servicing and pooling agreements to determine transferability of assets. Drafted all documents necessary to effect transfer of bank’s corporate trust assets to successor.

**Novack and Macey**, Chicago, IL

***Associate***

August 2002-June 2003

- ◆ Managed various stages of federal and state commercial litigation matters, including preparing pleadings, drafting and arguing motions, supervising document production and review, corresponding with opposing counsel, interviewing witnesses, providing trial support and preparing appeal briefs.

**Patton Boggs LLP**, Washington, D.C.

***Associate***

September 1999-July 2002

- ◆ Managed various stages of federal and state commercial and employment litigation matters, including preparing pleadings, drafting motions, supervising document production and review, corresponding with opposing counsel, interviewing witnesses, providing trial support and preparing appeal briefs.
- ◆ Drafted employment-based nonimmigrant visa petitions for companies seeking L, H, E or O visa status

for foreign employees. Advised several companies seeking to employ students on F or J visas. Audited client personnel files for compliance with federal immigration regulations. Drafted guides to assist personnel managers in complying with relevant regulations. Attended immigrant visa interviews and counseled clients through the non-immigrant and immigrant visa process. Conducted successful political asylum trial for Ugandan *pro bono* client.

- ◆ Researched and drafted memoranda used in advising clients on complying with federal employment laws, including Title VII, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Executive Order 11246, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Provided advice to clients on labor related issues, including de-certification procedures, duty to bargain with union employees of predecessor, and coverage of non-carriers under the Railway Labor Act.
- ◆ Awarded “Patton Boggs LLP 2000 *Pro Bono* Award Honorable Mention.” Elected member of Partner-Associate Committee. Nominated to *Pro Bono* Committee. Attended D.C. Bar Essential Pre-Trial Skills Program. Selected to participate in the one-week Trial Advocacy Institute Program at the University of Virginia Law School.

***Summer Associate***

May 1998-August 1998

- ◆ Researched and drafted memoranda on issues, including attorney-client privilege, jurisdiction of United States courts and international tribunals over foreign citizens and sovereigns, and the availability of temporary or permanent immigration status for HIV positive aliens.

**Washington Square Legal Services, Employment Section, New York, NY**

***Student Lawyer***

August 1998-May 1999

- ◆ Interviewed clients, drafted pleadings, deposed witnesses, managed discovery, attended court hearings and engaged in settlement negotiations in various discrimination lawsuits.

**The Honorable Sheila Abdus-Salaam, New York State Supreme Court, New York, NY**

***Judicial Intern***

May 1997-August 1997

- ◆ Worked closely with the judge in the consideration and disposition of a variety of civil litigation matters. Conducted extensive legal research and prepared bench memoranda and draft orders on motions involving various substantive and procedural issues. Attended motion calendar days, trials, and hearings.

**Merck & Company, Environmental Engineering Department, Westpoint, PA**

***Summer Intern***

May 1996-August 1996

- ◆ Audited site accumulation areas and assisted in re-designing efforts to achieve enhanced efficiency of hazardous, chemical, and paper waste facilities. Analyzed and collected data for compliance documents.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York State Bar

District of Columbia Bar

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

New York State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Member of the Children’s Immigration Task Force Committee