

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL 2004-Present

Clinical Associate 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 Africa.

Bank One, N.A., Chicago, IL 2003-2004

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 2002-2003

Associate: 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. 1999-2002

Associate: 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.

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY, J.D., 1999

Journal of International Law and Politics, Staff Editor

Lawyering Program, Teaching Assistant

Black Allied Law Students Association, Chairperson

Symposium on Asylum Based on Female Genital Circumcision, Co-Convener and Moderator,

Published in *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, B.S. (Environmental Engineering), 1996

African-American Student Affairs “Most Outstanding Engineer”

Dean’s List

African Students Organization, Publicity Secretary

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

Patton Boggs LLP *Pro Bono* Award Honorable Mention, 2000

Elected to Patton Boggs LLP Partner-Associate Committee, 2001

Dean’s Teaching Award, 2007-2008

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The CFJC’s Immigration Practice: Working to Provide Safety and a Fresh Start for Youth and Families, Children and Family Justice Center Quarterly Newsletter (December 2016).

Why Immigrant Parents Need Legal Protections for Their Children, TRUTHOUT (June 24, 2016).

Americans are helping eight million people break this bad law, Reuters (April 26, 2016).

Why are these children representing themselves in court? Reuters (January 14, 2016).

CFJC Immigration Team Obtains Asylum for Client after Ten Years, Children and Family Justice Center Quarterly Newsletter (March 2015).

Five Fast Facts about Unaccompanied Children and the 2014 Border Crisis and Three Ways, You Can Make a Difference, Children and Family Justice Center Quarterly Newsletter (December 2014).

SELECTED TEACHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The Current Political Climate Affecting Asylum Law and Refugee Resettlement in the United States, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (April 2017).

Immigration in the First 100 Days, Conference and Community Organization Fair, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (April 2017).

Asylum Policies in and beyond the U.S., Beloit College (April 2017).

Border Challenges: Responding to the Global Migration Crisis, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Reunion Weekend Panel (October 2016).

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Encouraging and Preparing Law Students to Work on Access to Justice Issues after Graduation, Midwest Regional Clinical Conference Legal Education Conference Panel (October 2016).

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Family Law Attorneys, Kane County Bar Association Training (November 2016).

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Family Law Attorneys, DuPage County Bar Association Training (June 2016).

Sexual Assault and the Immigrant Journey, Law Students for Reproductive Justice Panel, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (February 2016).

Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Asylum Claims, Conference on Cross-Border Migration of Unaccompanied Minors: Prospects for Legislative and Policy Reform, Northern Illinois University College of Law (April 2015).

Client Counseling, Lawyer as Problem Solver Program, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, (January 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Overview of 2014 Border Crisis, Children on the Run: Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and U.S. Immigration Policy Panel, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (October 2014).

Why Are 60,000 Children Coming to the United States? 1L ProfTalk Presentation, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (August 2014).

Working with Children in Conflict with the Law, Northwestern University Staff Presentation, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (June 2014).

Working with Unaccompanied Alien Children, The Center for Forced Migration Studies Summer Institute, Northwestern University (June 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017).

Intersectional Clinics, Immigration Law Professors Workshop Panel, University of California, Irvine (May 2014).

Access to Justice for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, Symposium on Pursuing Justice: A Constitutional and Human Rights Jurisprudence for the Child, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (September 2013).

Impact of Crimes and Delinquencies on Child Immigrants, CWC Summer Intern Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (July 2012).

Asylum Status Based on the Freedom Not to Associate – Reasons Why Our Asylum Laws Should Protect Gang Recruited Children, Children and Immigration Law Conference, Valparaiso University School of Law (February 2012).

Representing Unaccompanied Children, Coffee Talk Presentation, Loyola University School of Law (February 2011).

Working with Students, Justice and Legal System Research Institute Clinical Legal Education Training, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (November 2010).

Plenary Speaker Introduction, American Association of Law Schools Midwest Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL (November 2010).

U.S. Administrative Law, Legal English and Foundations Program, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (August 2009, 2010).

Children and Immigration, Legal English and Foundations Program, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (August 2009, 2010).

Duress and Child Soldiers: The Need for an Exception to the Persecutor's Bar, Children in Conflict with the Law Seminar, Northwestern University School of Law (April 2009).

Establishing an Objective Fear: Country Conditions Evidence and Strategies, LGBT and HIV Issues in Immigration Law Conference, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL (March 2009).

Immigration Relief in United States, Liberia Immigration Forum Presentation, Chicago, IL (May 2007).

Detention and Release of Immigrant Children, Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the Midwest: A Community Roundtable to Discuss Detention and Release of Immigrant Children, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (December 2006).

Representing Unaccompanied Children, Coffee Talk Presentation, Loyola University School of Law (October 2006).

Clinical Legal Education in the United States, The Consortium for Development Partnerships Project 7: Rule of Law and Access to Justice Conference at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (April 2005, 2006).

Introductory Remarks, Human Rights and Islam Panel, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (February 2006).

Immigration and Child Refugees, Children in Conflict with the Law Seminar, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (February 2006).

Advocacy in Immigration and Asylum Representation, Symposium on Youth Gangs, Globalization, and Rights: What Advocates Need to Know, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (November 2005).

How Representing Immigrant Children is Different from Representing Your Current Clients, Midwest Immigrant Human Rights Center Law Firm Training, Chicago, IL (April 2005).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Immigration Law Clinicians Working Group, Co-Convener
Children's Immigration Taskforce
Immigrant Children's Law Network
U Visa Taskforce
American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago Chapter

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

GirlForward, Chicago, IL (September 2014-Present)