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## Professional Experience

### **Judicial Screening Committee**, Northern District of Illinois

*Member*, January 2018 to present

- Appointed by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth to review and evaluate candidates for federal district court judge in the Northern District of Illinois
- Advise senators regarding the candidates' qualifications and fitness for the position

### **Northwestern Pritzker School of Law**, Chicago, Illinois, April 2003 to present

*Senior Lecturer*, August 2008 to Present

- Current Courses: Business Associations, Basics of Contract Drafting, Public Interest Practicum, Judicial Practicum (List Attached)
- Create and expand courses for JDs and LL.M.s incorporating experiential learning, new technologies (including online teaching), and diverse teaching methods
- Develop and oversee relationships with judges, law firms, and public interest and governmental organizations to help secure employment and educational opportunities for students and alumni
- Plan and moderate symposia, panels, and other events relating to diverse topics
- Serve as charter member of the university's Experimental Teaching and Learning Analytics Program

*Clinical Assistant Professor*, April 2003 to August 2008

*National Children's Law Network Coordinator*, April 2003 to August 2006

*Children's Law Pro Bono Project Director*, April 2003 to August 2006

- Represented clients and supervised law students in juvenile delinquency and school law cases
- Coordinated a three-year nationwide project with various public interest law organizations committed to improving the quality of representation of their clients
- Recruited, trained, and supported attorneys from law firms in juvenile and school law cases
  - Expanded pro bono project from 33 to 120+ cases per year in three years
  - Trained more than 500 attorneys and conducted numerous formal presentations
  - Created intake, case placement, support, and evaluation procedures
  - Developed fundraising plan, managed budget, reported to funders

### **Northwestern University, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences,**

#### **Chicago Field Studies Internship Program**, Chicago and Evanston, Illinois

*Adjunct Professor*, June 2013 to present

- Create and implement new curricula, identify new internship locations, and advise students on careers
- Teach Legal Culture and Process and Contemporary Issues in Law to undergraduate students working four days a week at a law firm or in government or public interest law
  - Topics include: Negotiations, Drafting Contracts, Research and Writing
- Interface and liaise with law firm and organization leadership as part of the program

### **Transforming School Discipline Collaborative**, Illinois

*Founding Steering Committee Member & Trainer*, Spring 2014 to present

- Develop and implement new federal, state, and local school and juvenile justice policies and legislation
- Create state resources for school districts, public interest organizations, and policy makers
- Train and support school districts on discipline and special education matters

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## **School Discipline Working Group**, Chicago, Illinois

*Director*, Spring 2012 to present

- Create and manage a coalition of public interest groups dedicated to improving the lives of their clients and the education and juvenile justice systems
- Oversee special projects relating to new legislation and legal strategies
- Liaise with the courts, schools, and other parties to make changes and provide training

## **Dignity in Schools Campaign**, Nationwide

*Founding Member*, Spring 2005 to present

- Co-Founded organization uniting advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders to improve juvenile justice and school expulsion policies and implement alternatives through legislation and practice
- Supervised administration of over \$1 million in grants, including the hiring of staff, negotiation and execution of key agreements, and the development of membership and financial policies

## **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, Chicago, Illinois

*Part-time Faculty Member*, January to June 2013

- Created, designed, and taught new externship course on community lawyering, which examined the role of law and lawyers in movements through readings, guest speakers, and fieldwork

## **Baker & McKenzie**, Chicago, Illinois

*Associate*, Corporate & Securities Group, January 2000 to March 2003

- Represented international Fortune 500 and smaller privately-held companies in acquisitions, auctions, and other strategic alliances

## Education

### **Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, Illinois

*Juris Doctor*, May 2000

- Dean's List, Brunswick-Vanneman Scholarship Recipient, SFPIF Fellowship Recipient
- Best Brief Award Inter-American Human Rights Commission Moot Court Competition
- Chairperson of the Judicial Council, Diversity Coalition Committee Founding Member, and Latino Law Student Association Board Member

### **Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina

*A.B. in Comparative Area Studies and Political Science*, May 1996

- Dean's List, Volunteer Tutor, Member of Water Polo Junior Nationals' Finals Team

## Other Skills, Examples of Service, Recognition

ABA Section of Litigation Outstanding Service Award (2007-2008)

Honorable Mention Teaching Awards from the Dean of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

ABA Children's Rights Litigation Committee, Education Co-Chair & Editorial Board (2007-present)

State of the Latinos, Planning Committee Member (2018)

Hispanic Lawyers Association of IL, Mentor, Co-Vice Chair for NU, Past Board Member (1997-present)

Languages: Spanish (native), French (fluent), and German (proficient)

Bar Admission: Illinois (2000)

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## Courses Taught at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law as Sole Instructor

Basics of Contract Drafting (*Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020*)  
Business Associations (*Spring 2020*)  
Community Lawyering (*Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014*)  
Creating Change as a Lawyer (*Spring 2016, Spring 2018*)  
International Team Project (*Spring 2004, Spring 2008*)  
Judicial Practicum: Remote, Online (*Summer 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019*)  
Juvenile Delinquency and School Law: Clinic (*Spring, Summer, Fall 2006-2007*)  
Juvenile Justice & Death Penalty Trials & Appeals: Clinic (*Spring, Summer, Fall 2003-2005*)  
Public Interest Practicum (*Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020*)  
School Law: Clinic (*Spring 2008*)  
Senior Research (*Spring 2017*)

## Courses Taught at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law as Member of Teaching Team

Interviews & Investigations  
Introduction to Trial Advocacy (ITA)  
Lawyer as a Problem Solver (LPS)  
Legal English and Foundations (LEAF)  
Legal Ethics  
Negotiations

## Appointments at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Tech Advisory Committee (2017-present)  
Latino Law School Association Advisor (2012-present)  
Experimental Teaching & Learning Analytics Fellow (2015-16)  
Acting Associate Director for Career Strategy Center (2012)  
Acting Director of Diversity, Education & Outreach (2008)  
Clerkship Committee (2005-2008)