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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

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, B.S. (Environmental Engineering), 1996
African-American Student Affairs “Most Outstanding Engineer”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL 2004-Present
Clinical Associate Professor of Law: Develop and teach a semester-long in-house immigration law clinic. Supervise second and third-year law students working on immigration cases. Represent youth and parents seeking various forms of humanitarian immigration relief in proceedings before the Chicago immigration court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and agencies of the Department of Homeland Security. 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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.

PUBLICATIONS

President Trump wants to end asylum for Central Americans, REUTERS (Op-Ed) (August 2018)
(solicited and cited in AILA Asylum Law Primer 8th edition)

Why immigrant parents need legal protections for their children, TRUTHOUT (OP-ED) (June 2016)

Americans are helping eight million people break this bad law, REUTERS (OP-ED) (April 2016)

Why are these children representing themselves in court?, REUTERS (OP-ED) (January 2016)

Our asylum laws are blind to many child victims of gang violence, GUARDIAN (OP-ED) (November 2015)

DACA Explained – A Primer, CHILDREN AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER NEWSLETTER (March 2018)

The CFJC’s Immigration Practice: Working to Provide Safety and a Fresh Start for Youth and Families, CHILDREN AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER NEWSLETTER (December 2016)

CFJC Immigration Team Obtains Asylum for Client after Ten Years, CHILDREN AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER 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 NEWSLETTER (December 2014)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Northwestern Magazine, *A Beacon of Hope for Asylum Seekers*, Featured (Spring 2019)

Planet Lex, *Seeking Asylum: Reality at the US/Mexico Border*, Featured (April 2019)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, *A Law Professor Explains: Immigration Law*, Featured (August 29, 2018)

American Bar Association Legal Talk Network, *Families on the Precipice*, Quoted (August 2018)

Wisconsin Public Radio, *Immigration in America: Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S. Immigration System*, Featured (July 12, 2018)

Wisconsin Public Radio, *What Rights Do Children Who Cross the Border Illegally Have?*, Featured (May 29, 2018)

Newsy, *Who Would Trump's Wall Allegedly Prevent From Crossing the Border*, Featured (February 2018)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Magazine, *#WithRefugees: Professor Uzoamaka Nzelibe Helps Asylum Seekers Build a New Life*, Featured (June 2017)

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Notre Dame Journal of Legislation 2020 Annual Symposium, Presenter and Panelist, *A Look Back at Fifteen Years of Representing Immigrant Children and Youth* (February 2020)

University of Illinois College of Medicine Conference and Training on Asylum Medicine, Keynote Speaker and Presenter, *Asylum 101* and *Principles of Writing Medical or Psychological Affidavits* (November 2019)

American Psychological Association 2019 Annual Meeting, Presenter, *Migration and Trauma* (August 2019)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Global Engagement Weekend Paris Symposium, Presenter, *The Migrant Situation along the Southwest Border* (June 2019)

Northwestern Law Alumni Club of Chicago, Keynote Speaker, *More than Caravans – CFJC 2019 Border Trip* (March 2019)

Northwestern University Lawrence B. Dumas Domain Dinner: Migration & Displacement, Presenter, *The Migrant Situation along the Southwest Border* (February 2019)

Evanston Public Library, Keynote Speaker, *The Family Separation Crisis: Where are We Now?* (November 2018)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid 45th Anniversary Symposium, Panelist, *Systemic Separation of Parents and Children* (October 2018)

American Bar Association 2018 Annual Meeting, Panelist, *Families on the Precipice: The New Asylum Landscape* (August 2018)

Association of American Law Schools 2018 Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Co-Presenter, *Mastering the Case File* (May 2018)

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 2017 Annual Ethics Retreat, Panelist, *Ethical Challenges in Caring for Immigrant Children* (September 2017)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Special Faculty Workshop, Panelist, *The Travel Ban Litigation* (July 2017)

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

Association of American Law Schools 2017 Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Co-Presenter, *“What’s in my bag?” An Interviewing Game* (May 2017)

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

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

Beloit College, Weissberg Program in Human Rights Conference, Panelist, *Asylum Policies in and beyond the U.S.* (April 2017)

Champaign County Bar Association, Presenter, *Training on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Family Law Attorneys* (November 2016)

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

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

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

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Children and Family Justice Center Lawyering and Race in the 21st Century Speaker Series, Moderator, *How Do Citizenship and Identity Affect Outcomes in Our Legal Systems?* (February 2016)

Northwestern University, Alliance of African Scholars, Panelist, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children* (February 2016)

Northern Illinois University College of Law Symposium on Migration of Unaccompanied Minors, Presenter, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Asylum Claims* (April 2015)

University of California, Irvine, Immigration Law Professors Workshop, Panel on Intersectional Clinics, Panelist, *Ethics of Representing Parents of SIJ Eligible Immigrant Children* (May 2014)

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

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

National Immigrant Justice Center Conference on Issues Affecting LGBT and HIV Positive Asylum Seekers, Panelist, *Strategies for Establishing an Objective Fear Using Country Conditions Evidence* (March 2009).

Liberian Community Immigration Forum, Presenter, *Immigration Relief in the United States* (May 2007).

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

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

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

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)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Children's Immigration Taskforce (2005 - Present)
American Immigration Lawyers Association (2000 - Present)
Association of American Law Schools Teaching Methodologies Committee (2015-Present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

GirlForward, Chicago, IL (2014-2017)