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Professional Experience:

- 11/2003 – Present **CUNY School of Law, Immigrant Initiatives – Queens, NY**
Adjunct Professor & Community Lawyering Supervisor
Supervise third-year law students in case work
Supervise third-year law students in the Immigration and Refugee Rights Clinic (IRRC) in conducting interviews, research, consultation, and follow up on immigration questions at an off-site center. Supervise IRRC students and volunteers in the preparation of community citizenship events including site selection, identification of partner organizations, recruitment and training of volunteers and interpreters, advertising, and event management. Prepare materials for classroom instruction. Compile and maintain statistics in accordance with New York City Department of Youth and Community Development grant. Attend professional conferences to keep abreast of changes in immigration law.
- 3/2001 – Present **Law Office of Liliana C. Yáñez – New Rochelle, NY**
Immigration Law
Prepare family and employment-based immigrant petitions. Speak at local churches and organizations on immigration law and options for immigrants.
- 7/2002 – 8/2003 **Building Service 32BJ Legal Services Fund – New York, NY**
Immigration Attorney (Per diem, temporary position)
Prepared petitions for family adjustment of status cases. Advised clients on post-asylum benefits. Supervised paralegals in naturalization cases. Accompanied clients to adjustment of status interviews and naturalization interviews.
- 5/2000 – 3/2001 **Levitt & Needleman, PC – New York, NY**
Immigration Associate
Prepared all aspects of non immigrant and immigrant petitions. Handled all aspects of regular processing and reduction in recruitment of labor certifications. Reviewed drafts and petitions and provided guidance to junior Associates, Paralegals, and third-year law students. Co-authored marriage-based adjustment of status article for publication in AILA Conference Handbook.
- 11/1998 – 3/2000 **Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy – New York, NY**
Immigration Associate
Handled all matters of immigration and nationality law from client interview to approval or appeal. Prepared all aspects of nonimmigrant petitions for TN, E, H, L, O, and P visas. Prepared all aspects of immigrant petitions for employment- and family-based cases. Prepared adoption and naturalization petitions. Drafted motions to reopen and reconsider and responses to intents to revoke. Advised Human Resources personnel on the best action to take for foreign employees. Drafted legal memoranda.
- 8/1997 – 11/1998 **Akst & Akst – New York, NY**
Immigration Associate
Drafted petitions for nonimmigrant visas including H, K, L, O, P, and R. Drafted petitions for employment based immigrant visas. Prepared family-based petitions. Represented clients at Adjustment of Status and Naturalization interviews. Drafted legal memoranda.

7/1995 – 5/1996
11/1999 – 4/2000

Central American Legal Assistance – Brooklyn, NY

Volunteer/Intern

Prepared evidence, interviewed, and represented clients in asylum hearings. Researched and wrote appellate briefs. Reviewed applicant's eligibility to prepare NACARA applications for Salvadorans and Guatemalans. Prepared and accompanied applicants to asylum and adjustment of status interviews before the Immigration judge.

Relevant Experience:

5/1993 – 9/1993

Universität des Saarlandes – Saarbrücken, Germany

Researcher

Researched differences between British and Standard American English for use in academic publications. Translated language learning programs from German to English. Taught beginning Spanish to professors and other university faculty.

6/1991-8/1991

Amigos de las Americas – Santa Fe, Costa Rica

Volunteer

Built latrines in rural Costa Rica. Taught basic English and advanced Spanish to adults. Initiated reforestation program.

Education:

New York Law School

J.D., 1997

Honors: National Appellate Advocacy Competition 1996, Top Ten Brief.

City University of New York at Brooklyn College

B.A., *cum laude*, Latin and Ancient Greek, 1992.

Bar Admission:

State Bar of New York.

Languages:

Fluent in Spanish. Proficient in German.

Memberships:

American Immigration Lawyers Association. Association of the Bar of the City of New York. New Rochelle Bar Association. Westchester County Bar Association.

Workshops Presented: February 1999, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY. Presented a workshop to foreign students on maintaining immigration status and immigration options after graduation.

May 2000, Patterson University, Wayne, NJ. Spoke at the Kenya 2000 Conference on maintaining immigration status and paths to legal permanent residence.

September 2000, Patterson University, Wayne, NJ. Presented a workshop to foreign students on maintaining immigration status and immigration options after graduation.

March 2001, Transfiguration Church, Brooklyn, NY. In conjunction with Central American Legal Assistance and Southside Community Mission, spoke about INA §245(i) and the benefits of grandfathering. Explained the Labor Certification process.

March 2001, Sacred Heart Church, Mount Vernon, NY. Spoke about INA §245 and ways to be grandfathered including Labor Certification. Explained the importance of the sunset of INA §245(i).

November 2003, Our Lady of Victory Church, Mount Vernon, NY. Presented on current immigration laws, maintaining immigration status and paths to legal permanent residence.