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Bar Admissions

California State Bar (admitted Dec. 2008); District of Columbia Bar (admitted Jan. 2010)

Education

- **American University Washington College of Law & School of International Service** Dec. 2007
Masters, International Peace and Conflict Resolution (GPA: 3.86) Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, *cum laude* (GPA: 3.69, top 11%)

Honors: *Human Rights Brief* Outstanding Publication Award

Myers Law Scholarship (\$43,000 merit-based scholarship)

Highest Grade Award for Legal Rhetoric: Writing and Research

Activities: Co-Editor-in-Chief, Articles Editor & Staff Writer for *Human Rights Brief*

Team Leader of UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic

- **University of Pennsylvania** May 2003
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* (GPA: 3.55) Philadelphia, PA
Major in Politics, Philosophy & Economics; Major in Spanish

Honors: Graduated with Distinction for the Major in Spanish

Penn Leadership Scholarship (full tuition merit-based scholarship)

Work Experience

- **Clifford Chance US LLP** May 2007 – June 2008, Jan. 2010 – Present
Associate, Law Clerk & Summer Associate Washington, DC

Prepared for and attended trial and drafted pre- and post-trial pleadings in complex commercial litigation in New York state court; drafted amicus brief to U.S. Supreme Court on scientific evidence challenging appropriateness of life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders; successfully represented asylum seeker in Immigration Court, including drafting and filing pre-hearing brief and representing asylum seeker at merits hearing; participated in discovery and pre-trial proceedings, including depositions, and drafted pre-trial motions in complex commercial litigation in Virginia federal court; drafted petition for rehearing to U.S. Supreme Court on counsel's duty to present mitigating evidence; led business development efforts related to Alien Tort Claims Act litigation.

- **American University Washington College of Law** Aug. 2009 – Present
Supervising Attorney, UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic Washington, DC

Managed group of 15 students in drafting and filing appellate briefs in federal courts of appeals and U.S. Supreme Court, as well as oral arguments before Circuit courts; managed students in filings and participation in asylum and removal proceedings; developed federal court litigation, including Alien Tort Claims Act litigation, by drafting litigation strategy plan and leading students in implementation of strategy; communicated with clients and guided students in communications with clients about trial and appellate strategy; led settlement negotiations in

satisfaction of seven million dollar judgment against perpetrator of human rights abuses in Chile; prepared panel presentations on human rights issues, including Alien Tort Claims Act litigation, class actions, asylum proceedings, and effective legal writing; developed and implemented clinic curriculum

- **District of Columbia Court of Appeals** Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2009
Judicial Clerk, Senior Judges Washington, DC

Drafted opinions and bench memoranda on array of criminal and civil matters, including attorney sanctions, judicial review of administrative actions, conspiracy and aiding and abetting, judicial review of arbitration awards, unemployment compensation, and case and controversy requirements; orally briefed judges in anticipation of oral arguments; organized and participated in moot court before judges of the court; created citation guide and orientation manual for law clerks

- **Administrative Office of the United States Courts** Oct. 2007 – Aug. 2008, Sept. – Dec. 2009
Attorney Advisor & Law Clerk, General Counsel's Office Washington, DC

Developed and assisted implementation of new federal rules for judicial misconduct proceedings; completed compendium regarding issues arising in judicial misconduct proceedings for use by federal judges; drafted memoranda on procurement issues relevant to federal judiciary

- **Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC** May 2005 – May 2007
Law Clerk Washington, DC

Drafted compliance manuals on import / export procedures; completed export license applications; drafted tariff classification appeals; drafted memoranda on international trade and tax issues

Publications & Presentations

- Guest Commentator, "BBC World Have Your Say: Charles Taylor Verdict," BBC News (Apr. 27, 2012)
- "Alien Tort Claims Act Liability for Corporations," 46 No. 2 *The International Lawyer: Year-in-Review 2011* (Spring 2012)
- "U.S. Supreme Court Expands Kiobel to Determine Whether the Alien Tort Statute Applies Extraterritorially," co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg, Clifford Chance Client Memorandum (Mar. 6, 2012)
- "U.S. Supreme Court Hears Arguments About Corporate Liability Under the Alien Tort Statute and the Torture Victim Protection Act," co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg, Clifford Chance Client Memorandum (Mar. 5, 2012)
- "2011 Year-In-Review: Alien Tort Statute and Torture Victim Protection Act – Executive Summary," co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg, Clifford Chance Client Memorandum (Mar. 1, 2012)
- "2011 Year-In-Review: Alien Tort Statute and Torture Victim Protection Act," co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg, Clifford Chance White Paper (Feb. 29, 2012)

- “Introductory Note to the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit: *Flomo v. Firestone Natural Rubber Co., LLC*,” 50 ILM 6 (2011)
- “Supreme Court to Decide Corporate Liability Under Alien Tort Claims Act,” co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg, 19 Metropolitan Corporate Counsel 6 (Nov. 18, 2011)
- “Comments on the European Commission Staff’s Working Document: ‘Towards a Coherent European Approach to Collective Redress,’” American Bar Association, Section of International Law Submission (Nov. 3, 2011)
- “Litigating Claims Under the Alien Tort Claims Act,” Litigation and Dispute Resolution Training Seminar, Clifford Chance US LLP (Washington, D.C., Oct. 20, 2011)
- “Cross Border Litigation Series: Supreme Court Limits Jurisdiction Over Foreign Manufacturers,” co-authored with Stephen M. Nickelsburg and others, Clifford Chance Client Memorandum (June 2011)
- “Background Materials on Approaches to Vertical Agreements in the US and EU,” co-authored with William Blumenthal and Angela Stoner, to Accompany Remarks before IBC Legal Conferences, Vertical Agreements Block Exemption Regulation in the Internet Age 2011 (Jan. 24, 2011)
- “Treatment of Loyalty Discounts Under the U.S. Antitrust Laws,” co-authored with William Blumenthal, to accompany remarks before the Conference on Global Antitrust Enforcement: the Perspective from Latin America (São Paulo, May 13, 2010)
- “The Role of International Institutions in Preventing Amnesty for Human Rights Abusers: Lessons from the Chilean Experience,” Poster Presentation, 104th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (Mar. 26, 2010)
- “Pinochet-Era Human Rights Abuses,” 43 No. 2 *The International Lawyer: Year-in-Review 2008* (Summer 2009)
- “Guantanamo Cases,” 43 No. 2 *The International Lawyer: Year-in-Review 2008* (Summer 2009)
- “Habeas Corpus Rights for Guantanamo Bay Detainees: *Boumediene v. Bush*,” 38 No. 1 *International Law News* (Winter 2009)
- “Special Court for Sierra Leone: Prosecutor vs. Charles Ghankay Taylor,” 42 No. 2 *The International Lawyer: Year-in-Review 2007* (Summer 2008)
- “U.S. Hypocrisy in the Treatment of Non-State Actors in the ‘War on Terror,’” 17 No. 1 *Swords and Ploughshares, A Journal of International Affairs* (Fall 2007)
- “Updates from the Regional Human Rights Systems,” in Michael P. Scharf, *The Law of International Organizations: Problems and Materials* (Carolina Academic Press 2007)
- “Reinterpreting Torture: Presidential Signing Statements and the Circumvention of U.S. and International Law,” 14 No. 1 *Human Rights Brief* (Fall 2006)
- “El Tratado de Libre Comercio entre Chile y la Unión Europea: ¿una promoción del desarrollo sostenible?,” Honors Thesis (University of Pennsylvania 2003)

- “Memoria e Identidad Política en Chile: el caso de estudiantes universitarios de Santiago en el año 2002,” Independent Study (Universidad de Chile 2002)

Blogs

- Contributor, *American Constitution Society Blog*, <http://www.acslaw.org/acsblog> (Aug. 2009 – Present)
- Contributor, *Global Rights Forum*, <http://inthumrights.blogspot.com/> (Oct. 2008 – Present)
- Live-blogger and contributor, *The Trial of Charles Taylor: International Justice in the Making*, <http://charlestaylortrial.org/> (Aug. 2007 – Jan. 2008)

Leadership Positions & Awards

- U.S. Representative, Global Foundation Management Group, Clifford Chance (Aug. 2011 – Present)
- Steering Group, International Human Rights Committee, ABA Section of International Law (Aug. 2011 – Present)
- Member, American Society of International Law *International Legal Materials* Corresponding Editors Committee (May 2009 – Present)
- Vice-Chair of Communications, International Human Rights Committee, ABA Section of International Law (Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011)
- Vice-Chair of Teleconferences & CLEs, International Human Rights Committee, ABA Section of International Law (Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2010)
- Corporate Responsibility Award Nominee, Clifford Chance US LLP, Contribution to the Community, Pro Bono (Dec. 14, 2011)
- Recipient, ABA Section of International Law, Outstanding Committee Website Award (July 19, 2011)
- 2011 Idealist of the Year, City Year, Eighth Annual Idealism in Action Gala (May 25, 2011)
- Recipient, American Constitution Society Public Interest Fellowship (June 2009)

Current Memberships

American Bar Association; Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Historical Society of the D.C. Circuit; American Constitution Society; National Association of Women Judges; International Association of Women Judges; Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia; American Society of International Law

Languages

Fluent in Spanish