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EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Awarded May 2011

Vermont College, Montpelier, VT
B.A., Fine Art, Creative Writing, Women's Studies. Awarded 2008

Penland School of the Arts, Penland, NC
Sculpture, Textile Art and Design 1999-2001

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

South Royalton Legal Clinic at Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT; *Staff Attorney and Assistant Professor*, January 2014 - present

- Lead Project Attorney of Vermont Immigrant Assistance
- Represent clients in humanitarian immigration cases, juvenile law cases, and other cases related to poverty law.
- Supervise students in provision of legal services listed above.
- Provide immigration law trainings and consultations for stakeholders, community members, and fellow attorneys.
- Advocate for non-citizens in the creation of local, state, and national laws.

Vermont Immigration and Asylum Advocates (VIAA), Burlington, VT; *Lead Staff Attorney and Assistant Director*, September 2011-December 2013; *Legal Intern*, Summer and Fall 2010.

- Represented clients in an array of humanitarian immigration matters. Informed criminally-charged clients and their attorneys about the immigration consequences of charges.
- Advocated for non-citizens in the creation of local, state, and national laws.
- Consulted on legal matters with other service providers and advocacy groups.
- Assisted the Executive Director in organizational management and development.
- Supervise volunteers, interns and legal assistants.
- Provided trainings for stakeholders, community members, lawyers, and law students

Defender General's Office Montpelier, VT; *Legal Intern to appellate attorneys*, Fall 2010

- Performed issue-spotting, research, and brief-writing for several criminal appeals.
- Provided training to public defenders about immigration consequences of specific Vermont crimes.

South Royalton Legal Clinic, South Royalton, VT; *Legal Intern to staff attorneys*, Spring and Summer, 2010.

- Represented clients seeking immigration and social security benefits; participated in administrative law hearings.

Professor Johanna Dennis, Vermont Law School, VT; *Teaching Assistant*, Spring and Fall 2010

- Assisted Professor Dennis in her Legal Writing II and Appellate Advocacy classes grading citation exercises, editing student papers, and judging oral arguments.

Chittenden County Public Defender's Office, Burlington, VT; *Legal Intern to Staff Attorneys*, Summer 2009.

- Performed investigative work and interviewed clients, police officers, and witnesses.
- Researched relevant state and federal laws, wrote and filed motions, participated in court hearings.

PRO BONO and VOLUNTEER WORK

Vermont Legal Aid and LawLine, Statewide Legal Aid Organizations; *Board Member*, 2017-present.

Vermont Attorney General's Office, Immigration Taskforce, *Member*, 2017-present.

Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform, Justice reform initiative, Vermont; *Member*, 2014-2017.

Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, Refugee Resettlement Office, Colchester, VT; *Pro bono legal assistance to refugees*, 2011-2015.

Childcare Center in Norwich, Childcare Center and Preschool, Norwich, VT; *President of Board of Directors and Board Member*, Fall 2011-Spring 2015.

White River Reporative Board, White River Junction, VT; *Member and meeting facilitator*, 2007-2009.

Incarcerated Women's Initiative, Orange and Windsor Counties, VT; *Volunteer*, 2004-2007.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Member in Good Standing of Vermont Bar, 2011-present. Admitted December 2011.
- Member in Good Standing of the Federal Bar, District of Vermont, July 2015-present
- Member in Good Standing of the Federal Bar Association, 2014-present
- Member in Good Standing of Vermont Bar Association, 2011-present.
- Member of American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2010-present.
- Member of National Lawyers Guild, 2010-present.

OTHER PURSUITS

- Hiking, sailing, trying to learn Spanish.