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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Berkeley, CA

J.D. Candidate, May 2025

Scholarships: Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship

Activities: Student Association at Berkeley Law, 1L Representative; La Raza Law Journal, Associate Editor

EXPERIENCE

UnCommon Law

Berkeley, CA

Law Student Advocate

September 2022 – Present

Support the representation of incarcerated people before the California Board of Parole Hearings to advocate for their release from prison. Conduct monthly client meetings, under attorney supervision, to ensure parole hearing readiness. Draft follow-up communications and consultations to clients; provide feedback on client writings and statements; prepare for and attend legal phone calls.

Innovation Law Lab

Berkeley, CA

Law Student Advocate

September 2022 – Present

As part of the Anti-Carceral Legal Organizing (AcLO) Project led by the Innovation Law Lab, assist with the preparation of bond/parole packets for immigrants in detention. Lead meetings with detained clients via phone (majority in Spanish) to assess their needs and goals. Communicate with the clients' sponsors in the U.S. to explain processes and obtain necessary supporting documentation. Translate Spanish language documents and letters to English as needed.

Allen & Overy LLP

New York, NY

SEO Law Fellow

May 2022 – July 2022

Created a digital resource hub outlining the defensive and affirmative asylum process to support the firm's pro-bono work. Provided Spanish-language support and translation services for the firm's immigration pro-bono clients. Conducted fact-finding research and crafted memos using WestLaw and Lexis to support the firm's white collar and international arbitration practice areas.

Latino Victory Project

Washington, DC

National Development Officer

June 2021 – May 2022

Worked with the President and CEO to execute organizational development plans, fundraising events and donor pipeline programs. Engaged partners and community stakeholders by facilitating political briefings focusing on Latino voters, candidates and issues. Cultivated relationships by serving as a spokesperson and representative for Latino Victory at community actions and partner events.

Aliento Education Fund

Phoenix, AZ

Leadership Development and Campaign Coordinator

May 2020 – June 2021

Oversaw the Arizona's Future campaign for educational equity in Arizona, successfully engaging over 2,000 impacted youth and allies in direct actions. Directed advocacy skill building programming, as well public policy and civics awareness building training. Facilitated 200 hours of 1:1 leadership coaching sessions with undocumented, DACA youth and youth from mixed-status families.

Arizona State Senate

Phoenix, AZ

Democratic Policy Fellow

January 2020 – May 2020

Conducted policy analysis, legal research and talking point development for the judiciary committee and Democratic caucus. Tracked legislative action, developed memos and briefed Senate Democratic caucus members on a weekly basis. Assisted Senior Policy Advisor and Legal Counsel with stakeholder outreach and recommendation development for floor votes.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

Washington, DC

Congressional Intern for U.S. Rep Mike Levin (CA-49)

August 2019 – December 2019

Batched, tracked and assisted with dozens of daily constituent contacts via telephone, e-mail and written letters. Contributed policy research to Legislative Staff on immigration, foreign affairs, and education. Drafted policy memo highlighting inhumane conditions of CoreCivic detention centers in San Diego, leading the office to co-sponsor legislation addressing the issue.