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Education

University of California, Davis School of Law
J.D.

May 2002

University of Washington
B.A. Spanish and Economics

August 1996

Professional Experience

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

Attorney | LGBT Program Director

August 3, 2010- Present

- Represent LGBT individuals in immigration, education, employment, and housing litigation.
- Assist LGBT immigrant victims of crimes with immigration petitions, applications for public benefits and victim's compensation.
- Engage in legislative, regulatory and policy advocacy to create equal access to justice for LGBT farm workers, and other low-income, rural LGBT communities.
- Develop leadership programs and opportunities for low-income, rural LGBT communities.
- Use media and research-based advocacy to advance LGBT civil rights.
- Manage and coordinate *Proyecto Poderoso - Project Powerful* partnership with the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Staff Attorney

August 11, 2008 – July 31, 2010

- Coordinate and facilitate networks of immigrant rights organizations to engage in civic participation, voting, census, “know your rights” campaigns, and policy advocacy.
- Write Spanish-language fact sheets, policy and legal materials and conduct “know your rights” presentations for Latino and LGBT immigrant communities.
- Provide immigration law and policy updates to the public through English and Spanish-language radio and television media, including appearing in regular news segments on *Univision* Channel 14.
- Advise pro bono attorneys and non-profit agencies on complex areas of immigration law, including federal appellate practice, immigration consequences

of criminal convictions, family-based immigration, motions to suppress, asylum, and specialized visas for victims of crime.

- Design curricula and present seminars to attorneys and non-profit staff on immigration law and practice.
- Research and write practice manuals on immigration law.
- Develop funding and maintain relationships with grant makers.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Staff Attorney, Motions Unit

July 25, 2005 – July 25, 2008

- Analyze and process appellate motions, including motions for injunctive relief, motions for appointment of counsel, motions for stay of removal, petitions for review of Board of Immigration Appeals' decisions, petitions for permission to file interlocutory appeals, petitions for writs of mandamus, and applications to file successive petitions for writs of habeas corpus.
- Present recommendations and proposed dispositions to judges and appellate commissioner.
- Coordinate and present emergency motions for injunctive relief, petitions for writs of mandamus, and motions for bail pending appeal.
- Review new appeals and petitions for review for jurisdiction and compliance with appellate rules of procedure.
- Answer questions from the public regarding court rules and procedures.

University of California, Davis School of Law Immigration Clinic

Visiting Professor/Supervising Attorney

January 1, 2004 – July 15, 2005

- Supervise law students representing detained immigrant clients before the Immigration Courts and Board of Immigration Appeals.
- Co-teach immigration and naturalization law and clinical practice seminar.
- Oversee student intake and client interviews.
- Provide technical assistance and research to public defenders and pro bono attorneys on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions.
- Conduct community education presentations in Spanish on immigration law.

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

Law Clerk

March 2001 - December 2002

Staff Attorney

December 2002 - July 2005

Citizenship Project Director

October 2004 - July 2005

- Represent clients in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services interviews in naturalization, adjustment of status, LIFE Act Legalization, and Violence Against Women Act petitions.
- Conduct community education presentations on immigration law to English and Spanish-speaking communities including farm workers, ESL students, high school counselors and teachers.
- Supervise staff attorneys and law clerks in all phases of affirmative immigration and citizenship petitions.
- Provide training to CRLAF staff and volunteers on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, grounds of inadmissibility and removal, and

administrative procedures of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency.

- Teach continuing legal education seminars on naturalization, immigration and public benefits law.
- Organize and coordinate citizenship workshops, review naturalization applications for legal problems, supervise law student volunteers, and prepare applicants for naturalization interviews.
- Develop and provide training to a network of legal and community-based organizations that provide services to immigrant victims of domestic violence.

Professional Memberships & Honors

- California State Bar (2002-Present)
- Lecturer-in-Law, Stanford Law School, *Spanish For Lawyers* (2011-Present)
- Steering Committee Member, California Civil Rights Coalition (2011-Present)
- Advisory Board Member, *Somos Familia* (2011-Present)
- Rockwood Leadership Institute's LGBTQ Advocacy Fellow, (2011-2012)
- President, UC Davis School of Law Immigration Clinic Alumni Council (2009-2011)
- U.S. Department of State, U.S. Speakers Program Grantee, *LGBT Human Rights, Homophobia and Violence in Honduras* (2010)
- U.N. LGBT Human Rights Seminar, U.S. Civil Society Representative, Brasilia, Brazil (2013)

Publications

- Dan Torres, Cathy Sakimura, Ming Wong and Amy Scharf, *LGBT Cultural Competency for Legal Aid Services*, Trainers Guide and Participant Workbook, National Center for Lesbian Rights (2012)
- Dan Torres, *A Rural Legal Aid Perspective on Creating an LGBT Program*, MIE Journal (Spring 2012)
- Dan Torres, Mark Silverman and Eric Cohen, *Motions to Suppress, Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Immigrants in Removal Proceedings*, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (2009).
- Dan Torres, *The Link Between Prop 8 and Arizona's Anti-Immigrant Law*, blabbeando.blogspot.com, (May 2010)