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EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Juris Doctor, June 2012

Saint Thomas More Scholarship and Jaeger Law Fund Scholarship
Outstanding Public Interest Student of 2011, Public Interest Law Section, Wisconsin State Bar
Marquette Immigration Law Association, Founder and President
Refugee Help Desk with Pan-African Coalition Association, Founder
ABA Pro Bono and Public Interest Litigation Committee Newsletter Board, Assistant Editor
Marquette University Volunteer Legal Clinic, Legal Volunteer
Pro Bono Society, Member with 120+ *pro bono* hours

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, December 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Balancing Act: Ethical Issues Facing Attorneys Who Serve on a Non-Profit Board of Directors, ABA Pro Bono & Public Interest Committee Newsletter, May 2012

EXPERIENCE

Soberalski Immigration Law, LLC, West Allis, Wisconsin

Solo Practitioner, July 2016 to present

Practice immigration law with a focus on family-based immigration and benefits for survivors of violent crimes.

Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Personnel Review Board Member, February 2014 to September 2015

Served as a Board Member and dutifully discharged all responsibilities required of an individual serving on the Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board.

Lopez & Soberalski Immigration Law, LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Immigration Attorney and Co-Owner, May 2013 to June 2016

Practiced immigration law with a focus on family-based immigration visas and removal defense.

Vargas Law Office, LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Immigration Attorney, June 2012 to May 2013

Practiced immigration law with a focus on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications.

National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, Illinois

Legal Extern, Spring 2012

Drafted asylum cover letter and affidavit for client's affirmative asylum application.

Catholic Legal Services for Immigrants, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Legal Intern, Fall 2011

Conducted extensive legal research and wrote cover letters and affidavits for U-Visas and VAWA applications.

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Project Intern, Summer 2011

Drafted immigration-law focused section of a legal manual for Oregon domestic violence shelters.