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EDUCATION:

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI.
Juris Doctor - 2007

Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI
Bachelor of Science/Justice Studies – 2003
Magna Cum Laude

Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, RI
Associate of Science/Paralegal - 2001
Magna Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate Clinical Professor – Director of the Immigration Clinic.

Roger Williams University
Bristol, RI
July 2015 to Present

Visiting Assistant Professor – Interim Director of the Immigration Clinic

Roger Williams University School of Law
Bristol, RI
March 2012 – December 2012 and July 2013 - June 2014

- Direct the Immigration Clinic where law students represent indigent foreign nationals in removal proceedings defending lawful permanent resident status or seeking lawful permanent resident status.
- Supervise a group of approximately ten third year law students
- Teach weekly seminar course in immigration law, litigations skills, client interviewing and counseling, and ethical issues related to the practice of immigration law.
- Conduct Know Your Rights presentations within the Rhode Island Community and also at the Bristol County House of Corrections in Dartmouth, MA with the assistance PAIR, Boston, MA.
- Conduct mock master calendar hearings and individual calendar hearings.
- Lectured in employment immigration law for the Immigration Law class.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS:

Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Meeting – Civil Issues affecting Refugees – June 2016, with Sheila Cooley, Esq., John Dineen, Esq., Sarah Antaya, Dorcas International Institute of RI.

Rhode Island Women's Bar and Rhode Island Hispanic Bar Associations – U Visa Presentation – April 14, 2016 with Cecily Zeigler, Stacey Varone, Major Francisco Colon, Ondine Galvez Sniffin

World Affairs Council of RI – Seeking Refuge – Immigration: The Personal and Political – April 6, 2016

Roger William University School of Law, Pro Bono Collaborative – Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Project Training – October 22, 2105 with Robert McCreanor and Marissa Janson

Rhode Island Bar Association - Rhode Island Supreme Court – Office of Court Interpreters – Background of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and The Role Family Court Plays – September 25, 2015.

Rhode Island Bar Association Annual Meeting – Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJ) - Probate, Family and Immigration Court Processes and Pitfalls – June 2014, with Magistrate Paul Jones, Immigration Judge Robin Feder, Judge John Martinelli

International Institute Conference – Welcoming Rhode Island – held at E3 Academy, Providence, RI - October 1, 2011 - Opportunities for Migrant Employment with Sherry Pond, Esq. and Meaggan Ward of IIRI

International Institute Conference - Beyond Borders - held at the International Institute in Providence, RI –April 24, 2010 – U.S. Immigration Law - Asylum in the U.S. workshop

Brown University - Running to Safety? American Refugee Policy and Challenges of Asylum-Seeking, - October 15, 2009 – with Paul Dellaripa, MD from Physicians for Human Rights

ARTICLES

“A legal and policy analysis of driver’s licenses for undocumented Rhode Islanders”, Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University, Deborah S. Gonzalez, Peter Margulies, J. Alejandro Tirado-Alcaraz, June 2016 – Report issued in support of providing driver’s licenses to the undocumented population in Rhode Island.

Immigration Consequences to a Charge of Simple Assault or Battery, Rhode Island Bar Journal, Vol.61, No.4, Jan/Feb 2013- Articles focuses on a charge of simple assault or battery under the Rhode Island statute, R.I.G.L. §11-5-3.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2006 to July 2015 **Gonzalez Law Offices, Inc.**, East Providence, RI
Partner - Attorney at Law (since Nov. 2008) – Law Clerk (2006 to 11/08)

Practicing law in the areas of Immigration both affirmatively and defensively, including removal proceedings, VAWA, asylum, cancellation of removal, all aspects of family immigration, waivers of inadmissibility, SIJ, employment immigration law, such as E-2, H1-B, PERM, I-140, and other areas of law such as: Family Law, Personal Injury, Criminal Misdemeanor

Law clerk – worked primarily in the area of immigration law research, memo writing and appeals, preparing documents for filing with Immigration Court

1995 to 2006 **Audette, Bazar, Berren & Gonzalez**, Attorneys at Law
East Providence, RI (Formerly, Audette, Bazar & Gonzalez, Inc.)
Paralegal/ Administrative assistant -

1990 to 1995 **Rappoport, Audette, & Bazar**, Attorneys at Law
East Providence, RI
Paralegal -

PRO BONO WORK:

March 14-21, 2015 **Karnes Detention Facility – RAICES – San Antonio, Texas –**

Roger Williams University Pro Bono Collaborative – Alternate Spring Break
Worked in conjunction with RAICES of San Antonio, Texas, and supervised three third year law students, working to help detained mothers and children being held by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) to obtain bond to be released from custody, preparing mothers for credible fear interviews with ICE, and prepare legal documents for mother’s to present in court at their bond hearings before the Immigration Court in San Antonio Texas.

2013 to Present Guardian ad Litem Pro Bono – City of Pawtucket and City of Providence

BAR ADMITTANCE:

Rhode Island Supreme Court, Nov. 2008
Federal District Court for R.I., Feb. 2009

AFFILIATIONS:

- American Immigration Lawyers Association – 2008
- American Bar Association – 2008
- Rhode Island Bar Association - 2008
- Rhode Island Hispanic Bar Association - 2014
- Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association – 2012
- Rhode Island Association for Justice – 2010
- Rhode Island Criminal Defense Lawyers Association – 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Dorcas International Institute of RI – Board of Directors – Program Committee Member since March 2015.

Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars – Board of Directors – Secretary since January 2015; Board Member since March of 2014.

STEAMBox – Board of Directors – Secretary – since 2013.

Volunteer for the Republica Federativa do Brasil – Ministry of Foreign Affairs – 2008 to Present

Consulate Services for the State of Rhode Island – since March of 2011

Chair of the East Providence Subcommittee of Welcoming Rhode Island, affiliated with Welcoming American and the International Institute of RI – since January of 2012

LANGUAGES: Proficient in Spanish and Portuguese

REFERENCE: Upon Request