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EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

Juris Doctor Candidate, 3L

Expected Graduation May 2026

Cum. GPA 3.45 – Rank: 23/108

Department of Legal Writing, Teaching Assistant

Law Review, Associate Editor

Dean's List Fall 2023 - Fall 2025

Jan. 2025 Illinois Bar Journal, Article Author

CALI award, Legal Writing II §5

Highest Grade Award, Legal Writing I and Legal Writing II §5

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Bachelor of Science in Management Consulting

Graduated May 2019

Minor in Sustainable Business Practices

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northern Illinois University College of Law Legal Writing Dept., Dekalb, IL

Teaching Assistant

September 2025– Present

- Provide written critique on student drafts with a focus on citation, organization, and grammar.
- Hold weekly office hours and interact with 1L students.
- Collaborate with professor on assignment fact patterns and report students' areas of concern and common questions.

Aparicio Immigration Law, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk

May 2025– August 2025

- Draft persuasive legal motions for immigration court proceedings.
- Interpret for Spanish-speaking clients during USCIS interviews and Asylum Interviews.
- Researched and compiled case facts for deportation and immigration relief matters before various immigration agencies and IL state courts.

The Law Offices of Omar Salguero, Rockford and Aurora, IL

Legal Intern/Extern

February 2025– December 2025

- Met with clientele during consultations to develop their immigration cases.
- Interpreted for Spanish-speaking clients and translate legal documents.
- Completed affirmative immigration cases before USCIS and the Dept. of State.

Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, El Paso, TX

Legal Intern

May 2024– July 2024

- Drafted immigration court decisions and bench memoranda on legal issues related to detained and non-detained immigration cases.
- Researched and applied the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Code of Federal Regulations, and immigration case law to orders of decision.
- Worked directly with Immigration Judges and observed Immigration Court proceedings.

The Law Office of Travis Helm, Laramie, WY

Paralegal

September 2021– August 2023

- Conducted legal research and case prep for deportation and crimmigration cases before various

immigration agencies and WY state courts.