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EDUCATION

CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, IL

Candidate for Juris Doctor (JD), May 2028

Public Interest Law Certificate

- Immigration Law Society (ILS), Hispanic Latinx Law Student Association (HLLSA), First-Generation Law Student Association, Kent Justice Foundation (KJF), Labor and Employment Law Society (LELS)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO (UIC), Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, Law, and Justice, Minor in Spanish, May 2022

GPA: 4.0/4.0; *Summa Cum Laude*, Departmental Distinction, Deans List All Semesters, The Dream US Scholar

- Triton College, Associate of Arts, May 2020; GPA: 3.85/4.0; Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ILLINOIS WORKERS IN ACTION, Chicago, IL

Community Outreach Coordinator, August 2025 – Present

- Train community stakeholders and workers to understand their rights during immigration enforcement actions
- Strengthen community partnerships with organizations to connect individuals with resources and legal support

PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Chicago, IL

Community Organizer, September 2023 – August 2025

- Led the Pilsen Rapid Response taskforce to plan a proactive response to federal immigration enforcement actions, which included working with non-profits, businesses, churches, schools, and other community stakeholders
- Organized undocumented students in Illinois to advocate for immigration relief for Dreamers and their families through lobbying, policy work, and by leveraging partnerships with other local and national organizations

CHILDREN'S LEGAL CENTER, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, May 2022 – July 2023

- Compiled applications for immigration relief (Asylum, SIJS) and completed forms: I-589, I-765, I-360, EOIR-33
- Managed intake scheduling and client profiles using LawLogix
- Mediated communication between attorneys and clients in both Spanish & English

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

BEYOND LEGAL AID, Chicago, IL

Language Justice Volunteer, September 2024 – Present

- Interpret confidential meetings between attorneys and clients
- Aid in the translation of documents for clients

INSTITUTO DEL PROGRESO LATINO, Chicago, IL

Legal Volunteer, December 2023 – Present

- Assist in the monthly N-400 workshop, guiding immigrants through the process for naturalization
- Conduct legal screenings under attorney supervision, and aid in filling out legal forms

TUTORING ENGLISH TO ADVANCE CHANGE (TEACH), Summit, IL

Tutor, March 2024 – December 2024

- Provided tutoring sessions to a non-native English speaker to improve their language skills
- Developed lesson plans focused on grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and conversational skills

LANGUAGE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Native Spanish speaker
- Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois (HLAI), American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)