

VALENTÍN PADILLA URIBE

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EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL

Expected May 2028

Juris Doctor Candidate

St. Edward's University, Austin, TX

December 2021

B.A., Criminal Justice With a Concentration in Pre-Law.

B.A., Psychology

Awards: Hispanic Bar Association Recipient, Dean's List 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Gateways, Austin, TX

June 2022 - July 2025

Legal Caseworker

- Conduct group orientations and intakes to educate immigrant detainees about their legal rights, available resources, and the procedures for challenging detention or deportation pro-se
- Advocate for clients by liaising with community organizations, legal authorities, and government facilities to facilitate case progress and expand clients' resources
- Apply an understanding of diverse cultural backgrounds and support to survivors of a crime using a trauma-informed approach, prioritizing safety and empowerment to deliver personalized care to clients

Immigrant Services Network of Austin, Austin, TX

June 2022 - July 2025

Steering Committee Member | Volunteer

- Develop programs and events designed to enhance networking opportunities, provide resources, and foster collaboration among immigrants and allies
- Analyze community needs and provide recommendations for program development, ensuring alignment with the network's mission and goals

Monarca, Mexico City, Mexico

January 2022 - June 2022

Human Resources Legal Intern

- Working entirely in Spanish, assisted the HR department with compliance and legal issues related to employment, including employee classification, workplace safety, and the labor laws of Mexico
- Researched labor laws to advise HR and management, while enhancing employee engagement by organizing monthly staff events

RAICES Rural Service Program, Austin, TX

August 2021 - January 2022

Legal Intern

- Analyzed and summarized agency resources in rural counties of Texas to create a resource bank for clients, contributing to strategic recommendations and advocacy initiatives
- Collected in-depth research on immigration laws, policies, and regulations, providing critical insights to support organizational advocacy efforts to assist vulnerable immigrant populations best

Office of Residence Life, St. Edward's Univ., Austin, TX

August 2020 - August 2021

Resident Assistant

- Supported 20 college freshmen during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing emotional support, connecting them to campus resources, fostering community through events, and ensuring compliance with safety protocols during a time of heightened stress and uncertainty
- Acted as a liaison between residents and university administration, reporting issues and advocating for residents

Jessica Cisneros Texas 28th Congressional Campaign, Laredo TX

2020 & 2022

- Optimized voter outreach by distributing flyers, answering questions about the candidate's platform, and encouraging voter registration and participation as well as hosted meet and greet for candidate.

Equity & Justice Council, St. Edward's Univ., Austin, TX

August 2019 - May 2020

Special Event Coordinator

- Coordinated logistics of events focusing on social justice, equity, and inclusion, engaging students, faculty, and the broader community in meaningful dialogue and action
- Collaborated with student organizations and external partners to curate impactful programming that highlighted issues such as immigrant rights, racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, gender equality, and accessibility