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EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

Candidate for Juris Doctor, May 2026 | GPA: 3.48

- Dean's List (2024-2025)
- JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY, Associate Editor
- Street Law; Latine Law Student Association, Vice-President of Communication (2024-2025)
- Common Law Reasoning (Fall 2025), Teaching Assistant; Advanced Legal Writing (Spring 2026), Teaching Assistant

University of California, Merced, Merced, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Writing Studies, Graduated with Highest Honors, May 2022

- Chancellor's Honor List; Congressman Jim Costa Legislative Scholarship; Delta Gamma Merit-Based Undergraduate Scholarship
- U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, Staff Intern; California Strategic Growth Council, Student Intern; UC Merced Residence Education, Office Assistant; UC Merced Law Clinic, Intern Law Clerk
Delta Gamma, Vice-President of Communications; Delta Gamma National Collegiate Advisory Board

EXPERIENCE

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, August 2025 – Present

- Investigate technological trends and legislation affecting consumer and real estate markets
- Develop substantive reports to guide state regulators and appraisal industry professionals
- Draft compliance policies and procedures for the department's labor relations management

D. Law, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Summer Associate, May 2025 – August 2025

- Drafted pleadings, research memoranda, discovery requests, meet and confer letters, and opposition motions
- Analyzed the merits of legal claims by examining client case files and relevant labor laws
- Researched employment legal issues, including class certification, wage and hour, FEHA, and PAGA

Invisible Institute, Chicago, IL

Law Student Extern, January 2025 – April 2025

- Synthesized case law, statutes, and secondary sources regarding public record laws into legal resource guides for journalists to utilize in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, and Alabama
- Filed FOIA requests pertaining to Chicago Public Schools budget and resource allocations

Cook County Public Guardian, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, June 2024 – August 2024

- Interviewed clients at temporary placements, foster homes, and residential facilities
- Conducted legal research concerning Child Protection Services to compile various memoranda
- Prepared correspondence with clients, foster parents, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Madera Unified School District, Madera, CA

Certified Substitute Teacher, January 2023 – August 2023

- Instructed middle school English Language curriculum for over 100 students
- Executed academic lesson plans in Spanish tailored for individual students

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (Proficient)

Interests: Thrift-shopping, Hiking, Roller-skating, Music events, Podcasts, Hot Pilates, Volunteering