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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Border Servant Corps

Director, Human Rights and Advocacy Program

Washington, DC

April 2024 – present

Advise migrant shelters navigating the current legal and legislative landscape in Texas. Provide “Know Your Rights” (KYR) presentations, digital security trainings, and rapid response materials designed to protect migrant shelters from the Texas Attorney General. Serve as a liaison between stakeholders (with specific expertise in the legal, political, and digital security realms) and the Texas NGO community. Developed the first human rights abuse documentation system for Texas shelters. Represent the organization in Congressional meetings and lobbying efforts. Designed the new project management system.

Ali Boyd Consulting

Tech and Human Rights Consultant

Remote

Aug. 2022 – Oct. 2022; Nov. 2023 – April 2024

Developed project management databases for the Global Human Rights Group to manage a consulting firm and track key stakeholders related to human rights advocacy initiatives before the U.N. Human Rights Council. Previously worked with the migrant shelter, Border Servant Corps, to design an intake system that processed 53,460 intakes for asylum-seekers in twelve months of use. Led staff training for approximately thirty staff members.

Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office

Judicial Intern, Chambers Legal Support Unit

The Hague, Netherlands

Nov. 2022 – April 2023

Conducted research on atrocity crimes for the trial proceedings of Hashim Thaçi, the former president of Kosovo. Provided written legal analysis for four trial judges, including drafting research memos that explored novel international law issues.

Fair Trials International

Legal and Policy Officer, Americas Division

Washington, DC

Jan. 2022 – Oct. 2022

Provided comparative research, legal analysis, and policy recommendations to advance fair trial rights in the U.S. criminal justice system. Lead author of "Closing the Gap: Advances in Youth Access to Counsel at Arrest." Contributing author of the El Salvador shadow report submitted to the 75th session of the U.N. Committee Against Torture. Built, implemented, and maintained project management systems to coordinate the Network for Early Access to Counsel (NEAC), a national network of defense attorneys and advocates. Created the NEAC policy database to analyze legislation. Regularly collaborated with the communications team to advance policy and advocacy initiatives. Managed the internship program.

Office of the Public Defender, El Paso County

Trial Attorney

El Paso, TX

Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2021

Provided trauma-informed indigent defense for over 300 clients. Conducted legal and factual analysis, reviewed diverse discovery materials, and researched and drafted pleadings. Regularly collaborated with social workers, investigators, and other trial attorneys to ensure holistic services. Developed an efficient case management system responsive to a high-volume docket during the pandemic. Authored the Misdemeanor Training Manual. Selected to attend a two-week trial institute.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Contractor

El Paso, TX

Nov. 2019 – March 2020

Lead author of "The Border Shelter Toolkit: Best Practices in Sheltering Asylum-Seeking Families at the U.S. Southern Border." Conducted field research, site visits, and interviews with stakeholders at fifteen migrant shelters in all four states at the U.S.-Mexico border. Developed a toolkit and resource library that aggregates various shelter models and best practices for receiving asylum-seekers in accordance with international and domestic guidance.

El Paso Immigration Collaborative (EPIC)

Pro Bono Coordinator

El Paso, TX

Aug. 2019 – Nov. 2019

Mobilized, trained, and managed *pro bono* volunteer delegations to ensure increased access to counsel for detained immigrants in a “hostile” ICE jurisdiction. Developed policies, procedures, and training materials as one of the inaugural staff members working in a startup immigrant rights organization utilizing technology and *pro bono* volunteers to transform the local legal landscape. Collaborated with multiple national and local organizations to strengthen the EPIC coalition. Conducted bilingual client interviews with detained asylum-seekers at three immigration detention facilities.

Criminal Justice Defense Clinic, American University Washington College of Law <i>Student Attorney</i>	Washington, DC Jan. 2019 – May 2019
Conducted investigations, reviewed discovery, and provided client-centered case management for clients against whom charges of second-degree assault and possession of a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance were both dismissed.	
Due Process of Law Foundation <i>Legal Extern</i>	Washington, DC Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2018
Conducted bilingual legal and policy analysis on corruption and rule of law issues related to transitional justice, impunity, and grave human rights violations in Latin America. Contributed to legal and policy proposals for projects focused on El Salvador and the Inter-American Human Rights System.	
Kovler Project Against Torture, American University <i>Legal Assistant</i>	Washington, DC & Geneva, Switzerland Aug. 2018 – Nov. 2018
Selected as one of ten students to staff the 65 th session of the U.N. Committee Against Torture in Geneva, Switzerland. Conducted bilingual legal research and provided written analysis related to treaty compliance of Peru and Guatemala.	
Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights <i>Legal Intern</i>	Mexico City, Mexico May 2018 – July 2018
Conducted bilingual legal research and analysis on cases involving torture, enforced disappearances, and extrajudicial executions in Mexico. Assisted with impact litigation for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.	
State's Attorney's Office, Montgomery County <i>Legal Extern, Citizen Complaint Bureau</i>	Rockville, MD Jan. 2018 – April 2018
Conducted bilingual intake interviews with victims seeking to file criminal charges via the Citizen Complaint Bureau. Conducted legal and factual analysis, reviewed diverse discovery materials, and assisted during district court proceedings.	
International Criminal Law Practicum, American University <i>Student Participant</i>	Washington, DC Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Conducted open-source investigations to evaluate legal and factual evidence related to crimes against humanity committed in Latin America. Evaluated domestic implementation of international criminal law procedure. Worked in partnership with civil society organizations in Latin America to publish an investigative report of atrocity crimes.	
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration & Customs Enforcement <i>Law Clerk, Human Rights Law Section, Human Rights Violators & War Crimes Unit</i>	Washington, DC Aug. 2017 – Nov. 2017
Conducted open-source research and legal analysis for cases involving war crimes, crimes against humanity, and torture in Latin America. Worked to identify and repatriate alleged perpetrators involved in grave human rights abuses.	
Annunciation House <i>Legal Coordinator & Border Awareness Experience Coordinator</i>	El Paso, TX Nov. 2012 – Nov. 2013
Provided case management and direct services for clients as a live-in staff member at the migrant shelter. Worked with law school immigration clinics to secure <i>pro bono</i> asylum representation. Planned, facilitated, and hosted week-long immersion delegations for students. Advanced advocacy efforts through event coordination, research, and writing of press statements.	
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center <i>Legal Assistant</i>	El Paso, TX Aug. 2011 – Aug. 2012
Assisted in providing holistic legal services to indigent clients. Researched and wrote all country condition reports for defensive asylum and Convention Against Torture cases. Assisted with intake interviews and court preparation for detained clients in various immigration facilities. Developed and presented immigrant rights curriculum for visiting student delegations and community outreach events. Coordinated the nonprofit's social media strategy.	

EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law <i>Juris Doctor, cum laude</i>	Washington, DC May 2019
Honors: Dean's Merit Scholarship; Highest Grade Awards: Human Rights course, National Security Law course, and Criminal Defense Clinic; Albert H. Turkus Summer Public Interest Fellowship, funded by Skadden Arps.	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Membership: District of Columbia; **Certifications:** Spanish for Lawyers Certification; B2 Spanish Certification (SIELE); Foundational Digital Open-Source Investigations Training, Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley School of Law