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BAR ADMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACCREDITATION

- Massachusetts, November 2019 | *Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers* # 705772
- California, July 2021 | *California State Bar Number* 338164
- Department of Veterans Affairs, February 2020

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2019 | GPA: 3.840/4.000

Founding Editor-in-Chief, Disability Law Journal Vol. 1, No.1

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

Masters of Education in Mental Health Counseling, May 2016 | GPA: 3.85/4.00

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, English, minors: Sociology and Psychology, April 2014 | GPA: 3.91/4.00

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Bay Area Legal Aid, San Francisco, CA

Economic Justice Staff Attorney, September 2021 to Present

- Provide wrap-around direct legal services to clients to remove barriers to self-sufficiency
- Provide trauma- and disability-informed representation to clients in state and federal public benefits proceedings
- Advise and represent clients on petitions for writs of ordinary and administrative mandamus regarding Medi-Cal, subsidized housing, and other public benefits

Volunteer Coordinator, San Francisco Office May 2022 to present

- Recruit and support volunteers and paid law student clerks in the BayLegal San Francisco office

The Victim Rights Law Center, Boston, MA

Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney, September 2019 to September 2021

- Provide direct legal services to clients with disabilities in federal and state public benefits proceedings
- Provide trauma-informed representation to survivors of sexual assault in Abuse and Harassment Prevention Order and criminal proceedings against their abusers

Disability Rights California, Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, Summer 2018; August 2018 to April 2019

- Reviewed medical records of potential clients and utilized background in mental health counseling to assist in fact development for potential impact litigation
- Assisted patients in Metropolitan State Hospital with questions regarding their involuntary commitment due to a plea of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity in a criminal proceeding

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant, January 2018 to January 2019

- Assist Professor Jyoti Nanda, Binder Clinical Teaching Fellow at UCLA Law, perform research and develop legal theories at the intersection of race, disability, education, and the penal system

The Victim Rights Law Center, Boston, MA

Law Clerk, Summer 2017

INTERESTS

Early morning runs, climbing mountains, knitting, and reading fantasy epics.