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ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

UC Law San Francisco Library

San Francisco, CA

Lead Legal Research Instruction Librarian & Adjunct Professor

May 2025-Present

Courses Taught: Advanced Legal Research (Juris Doctor program), Legal Research for Non-Lawyers (Master of Legal Studies program), Legal Research & Writing (Health Policy & Law Program)

Research & Instruction Librarian

July 2024-May 2025

Taught Advanced Legal Research to upper-level law students; taught in the Certificate in Legal Research Program; provided reference services to both law students and law faculty; acted as library liaison to law faculty; researched and compiled faculty scholarship metrics; assisted the library with collection development

Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

Gainesville, FL

University of Florida, Levin College of Law

July 2022-June 2024

Student Services Specialist & Professor of Legal Research

Taught first year Legal Research courses; organized efforts to identify law student needs about their LIC experience; implemented new services based on those identified needs; promoted LIC services and programs to students; provided reference services; provided research services to law faculty

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

Gainesville, FL

Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Fellow

July 2020-June 2022

Provided legal advice and represented low-income older adults with civil legal issues; presented state-wide and national webinars about legal issues affecting older adults; partnered with local social service agencies to provide holistic solutions for older adults; conducted outreach to older adults in North Central Florida; served on Three Rivers' Pro Bono Committee

Office of the Public Defender, First Judicial Circuit

Pensacola, FL

Assistant Public Defender

October 2019-July 2020

Represented a high caseload of low-income clients through criminal proceedings: arraignments, first appearances, plea days, hearings, and trials; drafted motions and proposed orders; conducted extensive legal research

University of Florida's Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic

Gainesville, FL

Immigration Legal Intern

January 2019-May 2019

Conducted client intake and interviewed VAWA and U-Visa eligible clients; assisted clients with applications for immigration relief; traveled to immigrant communities to assist with family safety planning

Kids in Need of Defense

Atlanta, GA

Legal Intern/Recipient of Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program Grant

May 2018-August 2018

Interviewed unaccompanied child clients and their sponsors; drafted briefs, motions, and U-Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications; observed immigration court proceedings; conducted legal research concerning family law and immigration

Peaceful Paths

Gainesville, FL

Domestic Violence Legal Extern

January 2018-May 2018

Conducted client intake and interviewed survivors of domestic and dating violence; drafted petitions for injunctions against domestic and dating violence; drafted subpoenas and notices of related cases; drafted legal memoranda; conducted legal research concerning domestic violence, repeat violence, stalking, and cyber-stalking

EDUCATION

Florida State University, School of Information

Master of Science in Information

Tallahassee, Florida

Summer 2022

University of Florida, Levin College of Law

Gainesville, Florida

Juris Doctor

Spring 2019

Florida State University

Tallahassee, Florida

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities *magna cum laude*, Minor in English

Summer 2015

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Zooming Ahead: Navigating the Shift to Remote Librarianship in Academic Law Libraries, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting (July 21, 2025)

Generative Artificial Intelligence for Faculty, UC Law San Francisco Faculty Meeting (March 21, 2025)

Addressing Unique Issues Confronting Older Victims During COVID and Beyond, National Crime Victim Law Institute Conference (October 29, 2021)

Working with Pro Bono Clients, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association October 2021 Webcast & CLE (October 15, 2021)

Protecting Older Adults from Disaster Scams, Equal Justice Works Webinar (June 2, 2021)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Northern California Association of Law Libraries, (Vice-President/President-Elect) 2025-Present

American Association of Law Libraries, 2021–Present

Central Florida Community Action Agency Board of Directors, (Secretary) 2021–2024

North Florida Central Senior Advocacy Network, 2020–2022

Suwannee Valley Victim Assistance Coalition, 2020–2022

AWARDS & HONORS

Northern California Association of Law Libraries Grant

April 2025

Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Program Fellowship

July 2020–June 2022

Emory Child Summer Advocacy Program Grant

May 2018–August 2018