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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Southwestern Law School**, Los Angeles, CA

*Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills*, June 2021 – present

Courses: Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills I

Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills II

Service: Faculty Advisor, Family and Dependency Law Society

Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students' Association

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce

Member, Honor Code Committee

Member, Title IX Committee

Member, Strategic Planning Committee

## **EDUCATION:**

**Howard University School of Law**, Washington, D.C.

J.D. and Family Law Certificate, May 2016

Journal: *Howard Human and Civil Rights Law Review*, Senior Editor

**Baylor University**, Waco, TX

B.A. in Sociology, May 2013

Minors: Child and Family Studies and Spanish

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Note, *The Unfair Choice: A Call for Reasonable Accommodations for Pregnant Workers*, 1 HOW. HUM. & CIV. RTS. L. REV. 133–55 (2016-2017).

Comment, *When Pros Become Cons: Ending the NFL's History of Domestic Violence Leniency*, 50 FAM. L.Q. 193–212 (Spring 2016).

## **OTHER WORKS:**

*The Many Looks of Physical Custody: A Parenting Plan for Every Situation*, FAM. ADVOC. (May 10, 2021), [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/publications/family-advocate/2021/spring/the-many-looks-physical-custody-parenting-plan-every-situation/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/publications/family-advocate/2021/spring/the-many-looks-physical-custody-parenting-plan-every-situation/).

*De-Weaponizing the Courts: Attorney's Fees may Help Deter Litigation Abuse against Domestic Violence Survivors* (October 29, 2019),

[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/committees/domestic-violence/litigation-abuse/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/committees/domestic-violence/litigation-abuse/).

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## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**

#### ***Staff Attorney, May 2019 – April 2021***

Managed a caseload of family law and immigration matters in Los Angeles county. Provided high quality, trauma-informed counsel to low-income survivors of domestic violence. Trained and supervised law student interns in family law and immigration case work. Provided quarterly training to shelter volunteers on civil legal remedies for survivors. Built and maintained relationships with local law enforcement agencies, legal services organizations, and social service providers.

### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., Corpus Christi, TX**

#### ***Staff Attorney, August 2016 – April 2019***

Represented low-income survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in family law and other civil litigation matters throughout eleven South Texas counties. Cultivated strong client relationships, developed case strategy, drafted pleadings, conducted discovery and trial preparation, and advocated in hearings, negotiations, and mediations. Collaborated on a multidisciplinary team of social workers, counselors, and community partners. Trained shelter management and staff on civil legal issues related to survivors.

### **Howard University School of Law, Child Welfare and Family Justice Clinic, Washington, D.C.**

#### ***Student Attorney, August 2015 – April 2016***

Managed cases in the child abuse and neglect system in the Family Court Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court. Served as first chair in an adoption trial. Drafted pleadings, discovery, and post-adoption contact agreements.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Presenter, Litigating Coercive Control: Using Non-Physical Abuse to Explain a Pattern of Power and Control (Oklahoma Bar Association – 2022 Family Law Section Annual Meeting)

Presenter, Recent Developments in Domestic Violence Law: Using Non-Physical Abuse to Explain a Pattern of Power and Control (American Bar Association – 2022 Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference)

Moderator, Litigating Custody on a Shoestring Budget: Winning Custody without Losing an Arm and a Leg (American Bar Association – 2019 Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference)

## **BAR ADMISSION:**

State Bar of Texas, Bar No. 24100995

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

First District Appellate Project, Board Member (May 2022 – present)

Ms. JD, Immediate Past Board Chair (January 2022 – present)

American Bar Association - Section of Family Law, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Member (January 2021 – present)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Allen Gary Palmer Excellence in Service and Commitment Award, American Bar Association - Section of Family Law (2021)

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