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EXPERIENCE

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA **2007 - PRESENT**

Associate Clinical Professor and Executive Director Loyola Social Justice Law Clinic (2020 – Present)

Adjunct Professor, Nonprofit Tax and Transaction Clinic (2007-2014)

- Associate Clinical Professor and Executive Director of Social Justice Law Clinic program, including overseeing administration, strategic planning and fundraising for a collaborative of 20+ live client clinics, including in-house clinics united in a shared facility that simulates the experience of a law practice with several specialties.
- Taught Nonprofit Tax and Transaction Clinic as Adjunct Professor from 2007-2013. Supervised students in obtaining tax exemption determinations for community based organizations, forming nonprofit corporations, and conducting nonprofit advice clinics.

PUBLIC COUNSEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA **2004-PRESENT**

Chief Operating Officer, Vice President & General Counsel (February 2017-Present);

Vice President & General Counsel (January 2013-January 2017); General Counsel (January 2009-January 2013);

Directing Attorney, Community Development Project (June 2004-January 2009)

- Member of senior management team, work closely with CEO on strategic decisionmaking and overseeing all aspects of Public Counsel's operations. Supervise day-to-day operations of legal programs, provide direction and advice to Directing Attorneys and Director of Pro Bono and oversee planning and implementation of new programs.
- Supervise human resources department. Develop and implement employee morale initiatives.
- Work closely with the Director of Grants and Directing Attorneys to plan for, raise and implement grants and contracts exceeding \$4 million annually.
- Responsible for compliance with nonprofit laws, legal ethics, and grant contracts. Interim supervisor of finance department October 2017-Aug 2019, working closely with Audit and Finance Committees of the Board to improve financial controls and complete annual audit and budgeting processes. Represent Public Counsel on various coalitions, including advisory task force to the State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund on information collection from grantees.
- Directed community development project, a team of 5 attorneys and 2 legal assistants, to represent over 200 nonprofit and small business clients, and recruit and train over 300 pro bono attorneys per year.

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA **1998-2004**

Corporate Tax Associate

- Provided tax planning advice and drafted and negotiated agreements for mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments, real estate transactions, partnership formations and securities offerings.
- As a member of the Community Affairs Committee, identified and promoted opportunities for associates to serve on charitable boards and to perform volunteer work, and advised on the firm's charitable giving.

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA **1993-1998**

General Corporate Associate

- Represented commercial and investment banks and corporate clients in matters including securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending, municipal financing and project finance.
- Drafted and negotiated acquisition agreements, loan agreements, letters of credit, licensing agreements, securities offering documents and commercial contracts.

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BOARD EXPERIENCE

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PROJECT, Oakland, California **2013-PRESENT**
Board Member 2013-present, Board President 2016-present

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM, LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL BOARD **2007-2015**
Board Member 2007-2015; Vice-Chair 2008-2009, Chair, 2009-2010.

ALS ASSOCIATION, GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER **2002-2005**
Event Committee Co-Chair, 2002-2004, Fund Development Committee, 2003-2005

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- “City and County Charitable Solicitation Ordinances and Contact Information,” Advising California Nonprofit Corporations, Ch 14A (3d ed Cal CEB, 2015).
- “The Ethics of Pro Bono,” ACC Docket (Association of Corporate Counsel Newsletter) Feb. 2014.
- Nonprofit Law: Ch-ch-ch-changes!, panel at CalNonprofits Convention, Oct. 2018
- Change, the New Normal for Nonprofits, panel at Armanino Nonprofit Symposium, May 2017.
- The Ethics of Pro Bono Practice by In-House Counsel, panel at Association of Corporate Counsel National Conference, Oct. 2013.
- Ethical Issues in California Pro Bono Representation, Practising Law Institute panel, Sept. 2012.
- Lobbying and Advocacy by Nonprofits, Special Needs Network Advocates’ Summit, April 2012.
- Supervising Legal Work, trainer at Management Information Exchange statewide training, 2010.
- Do I Have to Register as a Lobbyist?, presentation at SCANPH statewide conference, 2008
- Nonprofit Legislative Update, speaker at Association of Fundraising Professionals, Jan. 2007.
- Fiscal Sponsorship, panel at Loyola Law School Western Conference on Tax Exempt Organizations, Nov. 2006.

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/AWARDS:

- Los Angeles Business Journal Corporate Counsel Award (Nonprofit Corporate Counsel) 2014.
- State Bar of California, Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services: Member, 2010-2015. Vice-Chair 2013-2014. Chair, 2014-2015.
- OneJustice Executive Fellowship: Certificate in Nonprofit Management. 2012.
- State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Nonprofit and Unincorporated Associations Committee: Member, 2007-2010. Secretary 2009-2010, Advisor, 2011-present.
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Taxation Section, Exempt Organizations Committee: Member 2005-present. Secretary 2007-2008, Vice Chair, 2008-2009, Chair 2009-2010.

EDUCATION

BOALT HALL SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, California **J.D., 1993**
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts **A.B., 1990**
Major in Social Studies, *magna cum laude*. Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSION

CALIFORNIA, 1993.