

SONIA LEE YAGURA

EDUCATION

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, San Francisco, California
Juris Doctor, June 1999

Honors/Distinctions: cum laude

Thurston Society Scholastic Honor Organization

Hastings Law Journal, Notes Editor, 1997-1998

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Bachelor of Arts, English, June 1996

EXPERIENCE

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California
Associate Clinical Professor, July 2023 – Present

Teaching Law & Process: Privacy Torts for first year law students; Reshaping the Academic Success Program; Advising and counseling SI and ASP law students; Presenting skills workshops for all law students

Adjunct Professor, August 2021 – June 2023

Taught Legal Methods I: Writing and Analysis for MLS program, an introductory class to help students navigate law school and facilitate communication with lawyers.

Writing Specialist, August 2015 – June 2023

Assisting first-year law students and LLM students with their legal writing assignments in one-on-one sessions.

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Adjunct Professor, August 2013 – January 2021

Taught Refining Your Legal Writing class, a skills class for upper division law students to reinforce legal writing strategies. Co-taught Law Review: Staff, a class designed to aid Southwestern Law Review staff members prepare law review articles of publishable quality.

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

Volunteer Attorney for the Asian Pacific Islander Unit, August 2005 – April 2007

Handled litigation matters involving domestic violence and immigration status. Administered legal advice at community legal centers.

USC Gould Law School, Los Angeles, California

Acting Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, August 2003 – July 2004

Clinical Instructor/Supervising Attorney, May 2003 – August 2003; July 2004 – July 2005

Taught and supervised upper division law students obtain restraining orders, dissolve marriages, establish paternity, and obtain custody orders on behalf of domestic violence survivors. Implemented an interdisciplinary program with the USC School of Social Work. Drafted grant proposals and grant reports. Conducted trainings for domestic violence advocates and therapists regarding legal remedies for domestic violence victims. Coordinated with other community organizations and advocates to improve available services for domestic violence victims and their children in Los Angeles County.

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Los Angeles, California

Associate, October 1999 – May 2003

Handled all stages of commercial litigation, corporate and criminal investigations and government regulatory actions. Litigated complex issues in white collar criminal, environmental, antitrust, insurance, contracts, and intellectual property law.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Rose Bowl Aquatics Club Board, Pasadena, California

Board Member, April 2021 – Present

Governance Committee Chair, May 2022 – Present

Financial Aid Committee Co-Chair, July 2022 – Present

Rose Bowl Water Polo Booster Club, Pasadena, California

Board Member, August 2020 – September 2022

DEI Committee Member, February 2021 – September 2022

Cornell Alumni Ambassador Association Network, San Gabriel Valley

San Gabriel Valley Committee Co-Chair, October 2018 – Present

San Gabriel Valley Committee Member, October 2016 – October 2018

Meals on Wheels, Pasadena, California

Volunteer, April 2019 – May 2023

Polytechnic School, Pasadena, California

Poly Annual Fund Committee, Middle School DEI Committee, Parent Ambassador, Room Parent,
September 2010 – Present