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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney, Franklin D. Azar & Associates, Aurora, CO* Dec. 2015 – Present
- Litigate personal injury claims; investigate claims and negotiate with insurance adjusters to obtain favorable outcomes for client; draft motions, perform depositions, and document review for litigation of complex cases
- Project Assistant, Oceans Beyond Piracy, Denver, CO* Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2015
- Created and implemented export and tax regulation compliance program for organization's capacity building activities; trained employees; monitored organization's compliance with pertinent regulations
 - Researched the legislation of African and Asian countries related to maritime piracy; comparatively analyzed countries' laws; prepared corresponding memoranda and academic or policy papers; conducted other legal analyses on maritime security and violence issues; catalogued annual piracy incidents
- Adjunct Professor, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO* Aug. 2011 – Present
- Teach students international law and procedure of international court, as well as research, writing, analytical, and oral advocacy skills in the International Practice and Procedure class
 - Coach students on the Jessup International Moot Court Team; team won 2nd place at regional competition last 3 years, advancing to international rounds, achieving 8th place out of 127 teams in 2015
- Attorney, McDivitt Law Firm, Denver, CO* May 2012 – Sept. 2014
- Successfully litigated administrative appeals at Appeals Council level and at Federal District Court by filing motions, writing appellate briefs, and performing oral arguments; won all federal appeals cases
 - Litigated and resolved personal injury disputes; reviewed complex medical records; effectively used extensive knowledge of medical conditions to negotiate higher settlements
 - Represented and argued for clients at federal government administrative hearings, primarily before the Social Security Administration, over 300 to date; wrote briefs analyzing complex medical records and law
- Consultant, U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Denver, CO* Mar. 2012 – Oct. 2012
- Consultant to Defense Counsel for Prosper Mugiraneza, analyzed indictment, prosecution's closing brief, and trial judgment for issues to be addressed on appeal; composed charts analyzing legal issues for oral arguments
- Legal Intern, Colorado Attorney General's Office, Appellate Division, Denver, CO* Jan. 2011 – May 2011
- Legal Intern, U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Netherlands* May 2010 – Aug. 2010
- Legal Intern, Denver District Court, Judge Michael Martinez, Denver, CO* Jan. 2010 – May 2010
- Legal Intern, Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Appellate Division, Golden, CO* May 2009 – Aug. 2009

EDUCATION

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO**
J.D., May 2011, Certificate in International Law, 3.31 G.P.A.
- DENVER JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY: Alumni Editor; Staff Editor
 - MOOT COURT/MOCK TRIAL: Jessup International Moot Court Team, Semi-Finalist, 2nd Place Brief; Barrister's Appellate Competition, Quarter Finalist, Semi-Finalist; Ved P. Nanda International Moot Court Competition, Quarter Finalist, 2008
 - SCHOLARSHIPS: Sturm College of Law General Scholarship, Merit Based Recipient; Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law Fellow for human rights work; Planethood Foundation Scholarship for internship at a human rights organization
 - OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: Asylum Clinic; International Criminal Law Practicum; Research Assistant
- University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, CO**
B.A., French Major, May 2004, 3.68 G.P.A., *cum laude* with Distinction, Dean's List
- BAR ADMISSIONS/LICENSES: Colorado (Oct. 2011, License #43998), United States District Court of Colorado (Jan. 2014)
- LANGUAGES: Fluent in French (Conversational and Written)
- OTHER: Graduate Fellow, Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law, May 2015 – Present; Managing Editor, Eyes on the ICC (Peer Reviewed Legal Journal), May 2012 – Present