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**PROFESSIONAL**

Member of the bar, State of California, SBN: 285967  
San Diego La Raza Lawyers, At Large Director (2020 – Present)  
California Western School of Law Alumni Association, Board member (2020 – Present)

**EDUCATION**

**California Western School of Law**, Juris Doctor, April 2012

- Legal Skills Appellate Competition Finalist, 2010
- Lynch Appellate Competition Finalist, 2011
- President, La Raza Law Students Association, 2010-2011
- California Western School of Law A.I.M. Program *Mentor*, 2011
- California Western School of Law Buddy Program *Mentor*, 2010-2012
- Japan Relief Fundraiser, Co-Organizer, 2011

**San Diego State University**, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, June 2009

- Dean's List, Fall 2008

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**San Diego County District Attorney's Office**

*Deputy District Attorney IV:* November 2012 – Present  
Assigned to Major Narcotics Division where I prosecute cases involving drug sales and transportation. Work closely on proactive investigations with state, local and federal agencies. Previously I was assigned to the Family Protection Division where I prosecute cases involving domestic violence and elder abuse. I conduct preliminary hearings and jury trials to verdict, negotiate cases, and handle felonies from filing charges through sentencing. Conduct court hearings by presenting evidence in accordance with state and federal law. I have handled cases ranging from misdemeanor offenses to serious and violent felonies such as robbery, assaults, homicides, crimes against peace officers, fraud, identity theft, and sex offenses. Work closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, direct investigations and evidence gathering. I have also prosecuted cases involving juvenile offenders, litigated adjudication hearings, handle multiple defendant matters. Provide community presentations on matters relating to criminal justice in English and Spanish. I was selected to be on the hiring committee and interviewed numerous candidates D.D.A. I and II positions and recently served as an advisory board member of the District Attorney's Office Committee on Racial Equity (C.O.R.E)

**San Diego City Attorney's Office**

*Neighborhood Prosecution Unit:* August 2012 – November 2012  
Conducted misdemeanor trials, assisted the vice team in drafting affidavits for arrest warrants, and orders to show cause. Conducted legal research, and draft memoranda for supervising attorneys.

**San Diego County District Attorney's Office**

August 2011 – April 2012

*Certified Legal Intern:*

Worked with the Gang Prosecution unit in conducting preliminary examinations, researched, drafted and argued legal motions, and sentencing memoranda. Interviewed civilian witnesses and provided informal translation services for Spanish-speaking witnesses. Interviewed civilian and law enforcement witnesses. Conducted legal research and provided investigative assistance in obtaining evidence.

**Legal Aid Society**

January 2011 – July 2011

*Legal Intern:*

Assisted domestic violence victims in petitioning for, and obtaining, restraining orders: researched procedural policies and guidelines, and provided drafting assistance. Assisted Spanish-speaking victims: explained legalities pertaining to restraining orders. Assisted Spanish-speaking petitioners and respondents with unlawful detainers.

**Casa Cornelia Law Center**

May 2010 – November 2010

*Legal Intern:*

Assisted victims of torture, rape, physical abuse, and political and religious persecution in determining eligibility for asylum. Researched federal statutes under Title 8 of the United States Code and the Immigration and Nationality Act. Drafted legal motions and declarations. Assisted with trial preparation: translated for Spanish-speaking victims and prepared them to testify about the abuse for which they sought asylum. Translated foreign legal documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, county records, school records, and other government-issued documents.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Abraham Lincoln University**, *Adjunct Professor*

2021 – Present



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**California Western SOL: Public Service Honors Society**, *Member*, 2011, 2012

**Casa Cornelia La Mancha Award**, *Recipient*, 2011

**California Western SOL: Josi Dixon Public Interest Law Foundation Grant**, *Recipient*, 2011

**La Raza Lawyers of San Diego**, *Scholarship Recipient*, 2009

**La Raza Lawyers of San Diego**, *Scholarship Recipient*, 2012

**State Bar of California: Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services**, *Recipient*, 2011, 2012

**San Diego Business Journal's "Emerging Generation," Award Recipient**, 2014

**San Diego Union Tribune, Latino Champions Awards: Civic Leader**, *Finalist* 2015

**California Western SOL: "Mentor Award for Diversity Leadership," Award Recipient**, 2015

**San Diego Business Journal's "Leaders in Law," Award Recipient**, 2021

**California Western School of Law: Professor of the Year**, 2022