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EDUCATION:

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Ponce, PR

Juris Doctor, May 2008. Cum Laden.

PUCPR Law Review, Journal of Puerto Rican Law.

University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, OK

Abroad International Law Program in London, England, Fall 2006.

The College of William and Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA

Abroad International and Comparative Law Program in Madrid, Spain, Summer 2006.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Master of Arts in Spanish from the College of Arts and Sciences, May 2005.

Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies from the College of Health and Public Affairs, May 2003.

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the College of Arts and Sciences, May 2003.

Translation and Interpretation Certificate Spanish/English, English/Spanish, May 2003.

LANGUAGES:

Spanish (native)

English (near native)

French (academic)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Legal Consultant (2009-present)

Alice B. Miller, P.A Orlando, FL

Responsibilities:

- Provided legal analysis on Civil, Family, Immigration and Bankruptcy Issues.
- Drafted legal documents for new and pending cases.

Legal Consultant (2008-present)

U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee Scott Fransen, Attorney, Chartered, Orlando, FL

Responsibilities:

- Performed legal analysis of various civil litigation and Bankruptcy issues.
- Drafted Motions and Petitions for current civil litigation cases and as well as partaking in the discovery process.

INTERNSHIPS:**Spring Associate Student Attorney (Spring 2008)**

Pontifical Catholic University of P.R Legal Clinic, Ponce, Puerto Rico

Responsibilities:

- Worked as a student attorney conducting Criminal Law litigation under the supervision of Attorney Eduardo Llórens.
- Conducted in-depth legal analysis of various criminal law issues and handled entire litigation process.

Legal Clerk to Judge Daniel Domínguez (Fall 2007)

Federal Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

Responsibilities:

- Conducting extensive legal research in a diversity of legal matters.
- Solving Motions and drafting Orders on pending cases.

Legal Assistant (Mid July to August 2007)

Trustee Scott Fransen, PA, Orlando, FL

Responsibilities:

- Assisting the Trustee during his Bankruptcy 341 meetings.
- Conducting legal research in the areas of Bankruptcy Law and Immigration Law.

Legal Assistant (Mid May to July 2007)

Law Offices of Bigas & Bigas, PA. [Assigned to Attorney Ligia Rivera] Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Responsibilities:

- Assisting attorney Legia Rivera with the investigation of her pending cases.
- Conducting legal research in the area of Professional Ethics and the latest jurisprudence of Bankruptcy Law.

Legal Assistant (Fall 2006)

British Telecommunications (BA), London, England

Responsibilities:

- Assisting in the investigation of the applicable law in the area of Administrative Law and in the field of Disable Rights in the United Kingdom.
- Drafting [in office] legal documents and partaking in the organization of applicable law.

Assistant to Senator Ángel Rodríguez Otero (Fall 2004)

Senate of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Responsibilities:

- Reviewing the required legal documents of monetary donations given by the Senator.
- Interviewing citizens and, together with the Senator, search for solutions to their problems.

Assistant to House Representative Héctor Ferrer (Summer 2002)

House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Responsibilities:

- Reviewing and cataloging the Resolutions submitted by the Representative in the House.
- Conducting administrative duties and interviewing citizens that came to the office.

Legal Assistant (2001-2002)

Egan, Lev & Siwica, PA, Orlando, Florida

Responsibilities:

- Investigating current and future cases in the area of Labor Compensation and Civil Rights.
- Drafting documents and participating in the preparation of cases.
- Interviewing clients and witnesses, as well as assisting as a translator in Spanish/English; English/Spanish.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:**Graduate Teacher Assistant (2003-2005)**

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

Responsibilities:

- Instructor of Elementary Spanish; level I and II.
- Assisting first and second year non-native Spanish students.

Assistant to the Director of the Foreign Languages Media Center (2000-2003)

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

Responsibilities:

- Assisting Dr. Humberto López Cruz with editing his texts and in producing the academic journal *South Eastern Latin Americanist* (SELA).
- Providing technical assistance to teachers and students at the Foreign Language Media Center.

ESSAYS:

“Luis Palés Matos and His Black Poetry: Symbol of the Puerto Rican Identity”. *Fifth Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium* at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. April 2005.

“Two novels of a Hispanic Teenager; Two Confrontations, One reality” at the *Conversatorio del Centenario* at the University Santa María la Antigua of the Republic of Panama. October 2003.

“The encounter with oneself in *Kike*, of Hilda Perera and in *Dancing in Silence*, of Judith Ortiz Cofer” at “*With Cuba in the Distance*,” *Second International Congress on Cuban Studies* at Cadiz, Spain. May 2003.

“Luis Muñoz Rivera, Luis Muñoz Marín and Their Literary Work” at the *Second Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium* at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. April 2002.

POEMS RECITED:

“Desmayo Despierto” at the *Horizontes’ 50 Year Anniversary Colloquium* at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. November 2007.

“Soledad” at the *Fifth Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium* at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. April 2005.

“Sin ti” at the *Conversatorio del Centenario* at the Caracol Radio Station in the city of Panama, Panama. October 2003.

“Sin ti” at the Conversatorio of the Exedra Bookstore in the city of Panama, Panama. October 2003.

“Confesión” at the *Second Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium* at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. April 2002.

SHORT STORIES PRESENTED:

Un día de febrero (A Day in February), at the “Noche de encuentro con las artes”. Ponce Museum, Ponce, Puerto Rico. March 2007.

PUBLICATIONS:

Desmayo Despierto. Horizontes 98 (2008): 25. [Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico.]

Rights of Treasure Hunters under Puerto Rico Law: Application of Article 285 of the Civil Code through the Jones Act, the Puerto Rican Underwater Archaeological Protection Act and the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987. 47 Rev. Derecho Puertorriqueño 171, 347 (2008).

La conciencia política y social de Luis Palés Matos: otra lectura de su poesía. Dissertation [thesis], University of Central Florida: Orlando, 2005.

Book review of *Musas del Centenario*, by Ricardo Arturo Ríos Torres. *Horizontes* 90 (2004): 161-64. [Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico.]

Book review of *Musas del Centenario*, by Ricardo Arturo Ríos Torres. *Huellas* 14. (2003): 2. [Panamá: Círculo de Lectura de la USMA—University of Santa María La Antigua.]

CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

The functions of the Notary on Wills Matters, imparted by Dr. Rafael Gómez-Ferrer Sapiña at the College of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law in Ponce, Puerto Rico. August 2007.

UK Human Rights Act, imparted by attorney Jonathan Cooper and organized by the University of Tulsa, College of Law at the Florida South University Center in London, England. October 2006.

Middle Templars, the American Revolution and the Separation of Powers, imparted by His Honour Judge Eric Stockdale and organized by the University of Tulsa, College of Law at the Florida South University Center in London, England. October 2006.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, imparted by the ESC Rights Coordinator (Amnesty International-International Secretariat), Duncan Wilson and organized by the University of

Tulsa, College of Law at the Florida South University Center in London, England. October 2006.

Virtues that shape an excellent attorney, imparted by the ex-governor of Puerto Rico, Hon. Rafael Hernández Colón at the Universitaria Guajiles Residency in Ponce, Puerto Rico. March 2006

Puerto Rico's Political Status Debate, imparted by Attorney Juan Mari Bras, Attorney and ex-Senate President of Puerto Rico Charlie Rodríguez Colón and attorney Luis Vega Ramos at the College of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law in Ponce, Puerto Rico. February 2006.

The Interpretation of Civil Judicial Traditions and Anglo-American in the Puerto Rico Law, imparted by Attorney Rosario and Law Professor Fernández Vera at the College of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law in Ponce, Puerto Rico. July 2005.

Legal Research, imparted by Attorney and Law Professor Miguel Álvares Pons at the College of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law in Ponce, Puerto Rico. July 2005.

Analysis and interpretation of the legal norm and jurisprudence, imparted by Attorney and Law Professor Olga Soler de Villalón at the College of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law in Ponce, Puerto Rico. July 2005.

The Next Election in the United States of America and its Effect in Latin America, imparted by Dr. Carlos Alberto Montaner at the Cuban Hispanic Foundation in Madrid, Spain. May 2004.

Dulce María Loynaz in the XX Century Latin American Literature, imparted by Dr. Humberto López Cruz at the University of Granada in Granada, Spain. April 2004.

The Literary Panama in the Centenary of the Republic. Centennial Conversatorio at the University of Santa María la Antigua of the Republic of Panama. October 2003.

Second International Congress on Cuban Studies (With Cuba in the Distance) in Cadiz, Spain. May 2003.

Commemoration of the Fifty Years of the Common Wealth of Puerto Rico imparted by Attorney and Law Professor Antonio Fernós at the Capitol, San Juan, Puerto Rico. July 2002.

Second Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. April 2002.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Member, Florida Public Notary.
- Member, Puerto Rico Bar (passing score: 91.2%)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Law Review of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, 2007
- The American Scholars National Honor Society, 2000-07
- Graduate Teacher Assistant in the Spanish Master Program granted by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Central Florida, 2003-05
- The National Dean's List, 2000-05
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. Sector Academic Brother of the Year, 2004
- Top 100 Students in the University of Central Florida Golden Knights Who's Who, 2003
- University of Central Florida Dean's List, 2000-03
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. Chapter Academic Brother of the Year, 2001- 2002
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2001-02
- University of Central Florida President's Honor Roll, 2001-02
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. Presidential Award, 2000

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Graduate Teacher Assistant Scholarship, University of Central Florida, Orlando, 2003-05
- Grant to attend the *Second International Congress on Cuban Studies (With Cuba in the Distance)*, Cadiz, Spain, May 2003
- University of Central Florida Golden Knights Who's Who Scholarship, 2003
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida Scholarship, 2001
- Seizing Opportunities for Achievement & Retention (SOAR) Graduate Student Scholarship, 1998

Academic Activities:

- Journal of Puerto Rican Law, *Law Review*, 2007-08
- Prima Facie* Newspaper, *writer and editor*, 2007
- The Florida Bar International Law, affiliate membership, 2007
- Amnesty International, 2007
- National Hispanic Bar Association (NHBA), student membership, 2007
- The American Society of International Law, 2007
- American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA), student membership, 2007
- National Association of Student of Law (ANED), Puerto Rico
Editor Committee, 2006-07
- The Federalist Society, 2006-07
- Federal Bar Association, 2006-07
- Omicron Delta Kappa, (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society, 2003-07
- Phi Kappa Phi, (ΦΚΦ) National Honor Society, 2005-07
- Lambda Theta Phi (ΛΘΦ) Latin Fraternity, Inc.
 - Academic Head Chair, 2005
 - Chapter Induction Officer, 2005
 - Chapter Advisor, 2004-05
 - Alumni Relation Director, 2003-05
 - Recruitment Committee, 2000, 2002 and 2004-05
 - Fundraising Head Chair, 2003

- Recruitment Head Chair, 2003
- Community Service Committee, 2001-03
- Administrative Officer, 2002
- Homecoming committee, 2000-02
- Domino Competition Head Chair, 2000
- Spanish Graduate Association (SAGA)
 - Organizing Chair of the *Fifth Annual Spanish Graduate Colloquium*, 2005
 - Financial Officer, 2004-05
 - Social Activities Coordinator, 2004-05
- Hispanic American Student Association (HASA), 1998-2004
- Sigma Delta Pi, (ΣΔΠ) Spanish Honor Society
 - Webmaster, 2002-04
 - President, 2002 and 2003
 - Vice-president, Fall 2001
- Blue Key Society - Founding member of the University of Central Florida Chapter, 2003

Extracurricular Activities:

- Zyndrome© Surf Company - Owner and President, 2006-09
- LatinBodyboarder.com - Owner and President, 2001-09
- Rotary International - Founding member of Central Florida Chapter, 2008
- Future Minority Leaders - Founding Member and Contributor, 2007
- National Latino Leadership Association (NALLA) - Founder and Board of Directors, 2003-04
- Children's Right Foundation - Food Drive Organizer, 2001-03

Community Services:

- Give a Kid the World, Rotary community service, 2009
- Bee Wise, Immunize, 2007
- Hispanic Colombian Center in Madrid, Spain, 2006
- Haiti and Granada Hurricane Relief, 2004
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), 2003-04
- Children's Right Foundation, 2001-03
- Disney's Wide World of Sports, Sports Enthusiast, 2001-02
- Annual Taino Festival, 2000-02
- Habitat for Humanity, 1998-99
- Museum of the City of Orlando, 1998-99
- Central Florida Special Olympics, 1998

References: References will be furnished upon request.