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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Maryland attorney (JD/MA) with over 20 years of experience in a variety of legal domains including Human Rights Law, Immigration, Social Justice, Civil Rights, Rule of Law, International Development, Elder Law, and Real Estate Law. Passionately committed to social justice and equal rights.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Immigration Law Firm
Associate Attorney

1/2024-Present

- Managed portfolio of immigration cases, including family-based petitions, U-Visas and Supp Bs, defensive and affirmative asylum applications, interviews, and court proceedings, 601As, E42Bs, T-Visas and T-derivative cases, as well as removal defense and bond hearing representation

Independent Consultant
Settlement Attorney & Marketing Consultant, Various Clients

10/2020-Present

- Brought in, managed, and closed residential real estate transactions.
- Worked closely with agents, colleagues, lenders, buyers, and sellers to provide seamless transactions.
- Provided real estate agents guidance on contract specifics, closing details, and legal questions.
- Marketed to real estate agents, lenders, and mortgage brokers on a commission basis.
- Created and designed presentations for agents and social media content using Canva.
- Drafted legal documents including Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Notes, and Trust Amendments.
- Completed franchise transfer.
- Created LLCs and accompanying documents for clients.

Weichert, Realtors
Bluffton, SC
Real Estate Assistant

6/2017 – 9/2018

Worked with top real estate agent in area supporting business development, social media, and other marketing strategies. Provided excellent customer service to clients in fielding questions, addressing buyer and seller needs, and signing real estate documents.

Elville & Associates, P.C.
Columbia, MD

11/2012 – 10/2014

Associate

Assisted lead litigator in estate and fiduciary litigation in the Orphans' and Circuit Courts of Maryland. Served clients in a variety of elder law and special needs matters and in drafting of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and living wills/advance directives.

Africa Consultants International

8/2012 – 9/2012

Dakar, Senegal

Human Rights Attorney (Temp)

Worked alongside local staff focusing on ACI's work in social justice and conflict transformation. Liaised with local civil society leaders, government officials, and human rights activists.

American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative

3/2012 – 6/2012

Washington, DC

Program Support for Europe and Eurasia Division (Temp)

Supported ABA ROLI Europe and Eurasia Division's international legal initiatives by assisting in the grant proposal-writing process, preparing and compiling programmatic and budget reports, and developing a Process Manual to bolster legal activities abroad.

(k)RPG, LLC Gaithersburg, MD <i>Consultant, Process Improvement</i> Created and implemented Employee Manual and process management guide for financial planning group. Devised new strategies for process improvement, compliance, and case flow.	7/2011-11/2011
Buonassissi, Henning, & Lash, P.C. Reston, VA Legal Intern Compiled case data on foreclosure cases and conducted extensive legal research on Maryland foreclosure law. Drafted successful motions, responses to motions, and counterclaims on foreclosure and title matters.	7/2009 - 9/2009
Mawalla & Associates, Advocates Arusha, Tanzania Legal Intern Researched Zanzibari and mainland government policies to evaluate property law in connection with customary land practices, economic development, corruption, and foreign direct investment. Collaborated with Members of Parliament and other government officials to produce reports evaluating transactional compliance with property law standards and practices.	6/2008 - 8/2008
Pinnacle Title & Escrow, Inc. Rockville, MD <i>Account Manager and Settlement Agent</i> Originated and managed client accounts and conducted closings for refinance and purchase transactions. Developed and implemented marketing initiatives to enhance business development.	10/2006 - 8/2007
Land Title, LLC Rockville, MD <i>Director of Operations, Account Manager, and Settlement Agent</i> Hired as Administrative Assistant and promoted to Director of Operations within 18 months. Autonomously managed office of 14 employees, supervising business development, day-to-day operations, budgeting goals, and profit margins.	11/2003 - 10/2006

EDUCATION

American University, Washington College of Law <i>Juris Doctorate & Master of Arts in Human Rights Law</i> <u>Honors/Activities:</u> 8/2009 - 7/2010 International Human Rights Law Clinic 10/2009 – 1/2010 International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Competition Student Attorney, International Human Rights Law Clinic: Advocated on behalf of clients in need of legal assistance in various international human rights matters, including immigration and asylum, prevention against torture, criminal deportation, human trafficking, language access rights, etc.	12/2010
College of Notre Dame of Maryland B.A. in International Affairs, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	5/2003

BAR ADMISSIONS & OTHER SKILLS/AWARDS

- **Bar Admissions:** Maryland (2010)
- **Language Skills:** English (native), French (working knowledge), and Spanish (beginner)
- **Memberships:** Maryland State Bar Association
- **Certifications:** Certified Yoga Instructor (CYT-300), Accreditation from Yoga Darshanam, Mysore, India
- **Technical Skills:** MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Canva, LexisNexis, Westlaw, Qualia
- **Awards:** Winner of multiple collegiate athletic and academic awards; 2002 and 2003 Scholar Athlete Awards, 2003 Coach's Award, 2003 Mildred Otenasek Award, Phi Alpha Theta – History Honor Society
- **Collegial Designations:** Captain, Model OAS Debate Team, Captain, Varsity Soccer