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## EDUCATION

**Stanford Law School**, Stanford, California (2012)

Juris Doctor (Pro Bono Distinction)

*Stanford Law Review*, Articles Editor, Volume 64

**University of Arizona**, Tucson, Arizona (2008)

Master of Fine Arts: Fiction Writing (Editor in Chief, *Sonora Review*)

**Vassar College**, Poughkeepsie, New York (2005)

Bachelor of Arts: Cognitive Science and English

Phi Beta Kappa; General Honors; Departmental Honors in Cognitive Science and English

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- California & Northern District of California, 2012
- Montana & District of Montana, 2013
- Arizona, 2014; District of Arizona, 2015
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013
- United States Supreme Court, 2016

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Attorney**, Kuykendall & Associates, Tucson, AZ (2015-present)

- Represent clients accused of serious crimes in trials and appeals in state and federal court
- Program attorney for Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program
  - Collaborate with appointed death penalty counsel to strategize and secure best outcomes
  - Work extensively with expert witnesses on opinions, reports, and testimony
  - Represent Mexican government in policy advocacy, including identifying issues appropriate for Mexico's involvement, drafting official correspondence and participating in rulemaking
  - Draft and file amicus briefs on behalf of the Mexican government in U.S. Supreme Court
  - Research and draft motions and other pleadings at all stages of death penalty litigation
- Represent plaintiffs in civil rights litigation (primarily § 1983 cases related to jail and prison conditions)
- Regular appearances in Arizona Supreme Court, specializing in constitutional issues

**Associate Attorney**, Drake Law Firm, Helena, MT (2013-2014)

- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation in state and federal court in areas including jail conditions, employment discrimination, contract disputes, attorney discipline, and serious injury
- Primary responsibility for complete cases from complaint through settlement or trial
- Managed discovery and conducted depositions, including of government officials
- Extensive motions practice, including discovery litigation and summary judgment
- Conducted settlement conferences, mediations, hearings, and jury trials
- Maintained client relations and managed media presence

**Law Clerk**, Hon. Lucy H. Koh, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2012-2013)

- Provided extensive research and writing assistance to busy federal trial court judge
- Tracked cases and managed docket of approximately 200 active cases at a time
- Docket included class actions, civil rights cases, prisoner lawsuits, criminal cases focused on immigration violations, administrative appeals, intellectual property, and habeas corpus petitions

## PUBLICATIONS

- *The Impact of Article 36 Violations on Mexican Nationals in Capital Cases* (with Gregory J. Kuykendall), 62 St. Louis University Law Journal (2018)
- *Improving Sexual Assault Prosecutions: Can the Justice Department Use 42 U.S.C. § 14141 to Investigate Prosecutors' Offices?* 67 Stan. L. Rev. Online 17 (2014)
- *Counterfactual Contradictions: Interpretive Error in the Analysis of AEDPA*, 65 Stan. L. Rev. 203 (2013)
- *Insurmountable Obstacles: Structural Errors, Procedural Default, and Ineffective Assistance*, 64 Stan. L. Rev. 727 (2012)

## PRESENTATIONS

- Leveraging Trump-Era Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric, Mexican Capital Assistance Program, Oct. 2019
- Beyond Our Borders: Issues in Interstate and International Investigations and Evidence, Still Fighting for Life: Arizona Death Penalty Seminar, Dec. 2018
- Representing Aid Workers, James E. Rogers College of Law, Justice Advocates Coalition, Nov. 2018
- The Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program, James E. Rogers College of Law Program in Criminal Law and Policy, Sept. 2018
- Mitigation from Mexico: Overcoming Obstacles, Arizona Public Defender Association, June 2018
- Evolving *Atkins* Litigation, The Fight for Life: Arizona Death Penalty Seminar, Dec. 2017
- Developments in Marijuana Law, State Bar of Arizona Winter Bench & Bar Program, Dec. 2017
- Strategies for Challenging Cell Phone Evidence, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Oct. 2016

## NOTABLE CASES

- *United States v. Warren* (D. Ariz. No. 18-cr-223; D. Ariz. No. 17-mj-341): trial counsel for humanitarian aid worker charged with federal crimes for providing aid to migrants, involving extensive factual investigation, management of international media engagement, 3-day bench trial (misdemeanor) and multiple 2-week jury trials (felony)
- Counsel for Amicus Curiae in Arizona Supreme Court: *Crosby-Grabotz v. Fell* (No. CR-18-0050-PR) (argued); *State v. Gates* (Altamirano) (No. CR-17-0326-PR) (argued); *State v. Helm* (No. CR-18-0583-PR); *Allen v. Sanders* (No. CR-16-0234-PR); *Mesa v. Granville* (No. CR-15-1770); *State v. Pandeli* (No. CR-15-0270); *State v. Sisco* (No. CR-15-0265-PR) (argued); and in U.S. Supreme Court: *In re: Twelve Grand Jury Subpoenas* (No. 18-1207)
- *Najar v. Arizona* (No. 15-8878): represented juvenile serving life-without-parole sentence in U.S. Supreme Court; secured a grant, vacate, and remand order allowing re-sentencing
- *Orozco-Ramirez v. Jefferson County, Montana* (D. Mont. No. 15-cv-0062): represented undocumented man from Mexico who was assaulted in jail by another inmate; extensive discovery practice and focus on jail's inadequate policies yielded favorable settlement
- *Pritchard-Sleath v. Montana Dept of Public Health & Human Services* (D. Mont. No. 12-cv-0074): trial counsel for Department accused of wrongful discharge of a counselor from state facility for the mentally disabled; week-long federal jury trial
- *W.D. v. Jefferson County, Montana* (D. Mont. No. 14-cv-60): represented plaintiff who was raped by jail guard while in county custody, leading to highly favorable settlement

## PRO BONO & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- Board of Directors, Colibrí Center for Human Rights, Tucson, Arizona (Member; chair from 2016-2019)
- Amicus & Rules Committee, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice
- Fiction Editor, Terrain.org: A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments