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Highlights of Qualifications

- Attorney at Law; graduated *Cum Laude* with six achievement awards.
- Fluent in Spanish.
- Highly experienced in legal negotiation. Director of trainings for conflict resolution workshops. Successfully mediated hundreds of conflicts and divorces.
- Conducted numerous court appearances, including full jury trials, case managements, jury selection, opening statements, witness examination and closing arguments.
- Personally attended sessions in front of the United States Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, Federal Circuit Courts, the Supreme Court of Mexico, and the EU Parliament.

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California

LL.M. in international law with an emphasis in both environmental law and intellectual property, awarded in the summer of 2004.

J.D. awarded 2001. Graduated *Cum Laude* in top 8% of class. Highest achievement awards for both Remedies and Advanced Criminal Procedure. Received academic excellence scholarship for \$10,000. Served as Law Review Technical Editor. Admitted to the Order of the Coif. Received plaque for extensive Pro Bono work in the community.

Escuela Libre de Derecho (through San Diego Law School), Mexico City, Mexico

At the “Harvard” of Mexico, completed two separate intensive study programs. United States Immigration Law was the first; NAFTA and free trade law was the second.

San Jose State University, San Jose, California

Secondary Teaching Credential, Mathematics.

University of California, Santa Cruz, California

B.A. in Mathematics, minor in Spanish.

Universidad Tecun Uman, and Academia Sevilla, Antigua, Guatemala

Studied advanced Spanish on three separate occasions, completing over 200 hours of total immersion Spanish instruction and conversation.

Achievements

- Public speaker on motivating teenagers. Delivered keynote speech, “Successful Strategies for Motivating Teenagers,” to national conferences and to numerous statewide workshops.
- Published comment/article on mediation in Santa Clara Law Review, Volume 41, 2001. Published article on globalization and free trade in the Oregon Review of International Law.
- Extensive world travel experience includes Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, Croatia, Slovenia, all mainland Europe, South and Central America, Mexico, China, Japan, India, Nepal, Australia, New Zealand, Polynesia and Indonesia.
- 1997/98 National Pool Champion; Two world championships (8 ball and Olympic pool).

Professional Experience

Private Practice, Santa Cruz, California 2002–Present
Attorney at Law. Represent a variety of clients with legal matters. Cases have included First Amendment and equal protection, divorce and community property disputes, living trusts, unlawful detainers, property management, business negotiations and criminal cases. Numerous mediation cases.

California Supreme Court, San Francisco, California 2001
Extern. Wrote calendar memoranda for the Justices, providing analysis and legal opinion of new cases submitted to the court. Participated in regular meetings with staff attorneys and with the Justices. Substantially contributed to the published case *Rice v. Clark*, 28 Cal. 4th 89 (2002).

Santa Barbara District Attorney’s Office, Santa Barbara, California 2000
Certified Law Clerk. Conducted felony preliminary hearings; wrote memoranda; wrote and argued motions; was lead counsel for a felony jury trial, and performed “lifer” parole hearings.

Social Advocates for Youth, San Jose, California 1990–1997
Program Coordinator. Full responsibility for implementing a federal program for at-risk youth. Supervised teachers of teen groups, prepared statistical reports, facilitated workshops, and in 1997 co-chaired a state-wide youth conference. Developed curriculum, wrote grants, and worked extensively with agencies, probation officers, social workers, and psychiatrists.

Conflict Resolution Center, Santa Cruz, California 1989–Present
Trainer, Mediator, Board Member. Currently participate in mediations, bringing deadlocked clients to agreement. In the past, coordinated and supervised professional mediation trainings with forty participants and fifteen instructors. Trained hundreds of volunteers, facilitated community workshops, and masterminded fundraising projects. Served as board member for three years.

Casa Say, Mountain View, California 1988–1990
Individual Counselor. Provided one-to-one therapy sessions for teenagers in crisis and maintained case management folders. Helped families resolve conflicts, and create fair and workable rules.

Alisal High School, Salinas, California 1986–1988
Math Teacher. Taught all levels of math courses and served as the head varsity volleyball coach. Conducted two algebra classes entirely in Spanish.