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Employment:

Director, Appellate and Competitions Programs (August 2000-present)

Boalt Hall School of Law

Teaches Appellate Advocacy, an elective for upper-level law students. Created new curriculum for the class. Transformed class from an undemanding, pass/fail course to a challenging, graded class.

Teaches Introduction to US Law and Fundamentals of US Law to both Academic Year and Professional LLM Classes.

Has taught Civil Rights Litigation, Legal and Social Change, and Employment Discrimination

Supervises all related appellate programs, including the Board of Advocates, the internal appellate, trial, and negotiations competition, and all outside competitions. Hosts the Ninth Circuit (or other courts) for a half-day of oral arguments at Boalt Hall each academic year.

Recruits and supervises over 100 volunteer attorneys and approximately 80 Moot Court Board members. Recruits approximately 10-15 sitting judges to evaluate competitions and deliver lectures.

Associate (May 1996-July 2000)

San Francisco, California

Rosen, Bien & Asaro (now known as Rosen, Bien & Galvan)

Firm has mixed civil rights and commercial practice, with specialties in complex prison-conditions class actions, employment discrimination, and statutory attorneys' fees motions.

Principal associate responsible for subclass of learning disabled prisoners in class action against Board of Prison Terms. Prepared draft expert witness declaration in conjunction with expert, defended expert deposition, cross-examined defense witness at trial, and second-chaired portions of trial related to learning disabilities.

Principal associate on behalf of respondents in Ninth Circuit appeals concerning Prison Litigation Reform Act. Appeals raised complex issues of constitutionality and statutory interpretation. Principal associate on other Ninth Circuit appeals concerning attorneys' fees and prison litigation.

Principal associate in approximately one half dozen appeals in the California State Courts of Appeal. Drafted opposition to petition for review in Weeks v. Baker & McKenzie, 63 Cal.App.4th 1128 (1998).

Extensive additional experience in law and motion and discovery.

Staff Attorney (April 1995-April 1996)

Oakland, California

Volunteer Attorney (September-December 1993)

California Indian Legal Services

Provided legal advice to individuals, tribes, and other Indian organizations in matters of Federal Indian law.

Wrote briefs under supervision of Directing Attorney in ten juvenile dependency appeals.

Represented mother in termination of guardianship hearing; represented previously

adopted Native American in proceedings to unseal birth and adoption records;

represented Indian families in maintaining access to traditional burial grounds.

Revised reservation ordinances regulating zoning, conservation, and animal control.

Associate (January 1994-February 1995)

Oakland, California

Law Offices of Robert Goldstein

Firm specializes in consumer class actions and Truth-in-Lending Act cases.

Drafted summary adjudication motion and substantial portions of other important

motions in multi-million dollar class action. Substantial experience drafting and

responding to discovery. Substantial experience defending depositions.

Presentations:

“Teaching Legal Writing,” Northern California Clinical Conference (2/24/07)

“Persuasive Writing Workshop,” Protection & Advocacy, Inc. 2006 Advocacy Staff Training (11/2/06)

“Teaching Legal Writing in Clinics,” East Bay Community Law Center (7/27/06)

Education:

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California

Admitted to California Bar, December 1993

Juris Doctor, May 1993

Senior Executive Editor, California Law Review (1992-1993)

Member, California Law Review (1991-1992)

Member, Industrial Relations Law Journal (1990-1991)

Carleton College

Northfield, Minnesota

B.A., Religion (with separate Concentration in South Asian Studies), 1989

Graduated cum laude with distinction in major.

Received National Merit Scholarship and Johnson Controls Foundation Scholarship.

Completed thesis on Indian Muslim reform while studying in Pune, India.