**Education**

**University of California, Irvine, School of Law,** Irvine, CA

J.D., May 2015, *pro bono high honors (300 hours)*

Awards: Dean’s Merit Scholarship, Dean’s Award: Education Law and Policy, Community & Economic Development Clinic

**Indiana University, Bloomington, College of Arts and Sciences,** Bloomington, IN

B.A., May 2012, *magna cum laude*: International Studies; Political and Civic Engagement

Thesis: *Intercountry Adoption: How Crisis and Disaster Illuminate the Systematic Weaknesses Within the Intercountry Adoption Process*

**Legal Experience**

**GoransonBain Ausley PLLC**, Dallas, TX September 2017-Present

*Associate Attorney*

Represent clients in divorce, custody, and adoption proceedings. Represent client in mediation, negotiations, and in court proceedings.

**Legal Aid Chicago (*formerly Legal Assistance Foundation*),** Chicago, IL September 2015-August 2017

*Attorney/Equal Justice Works Fellow: Public Benefits & Children and Families Practice Groups*

Provided direct representation to clients with unmet mental health needs in the following areas: Social Security, food stamps, access to health care, insurance coverage, special education, school discipline, and post-adoption services. Maintained a caseload of 35 active cases on an ongoing basis. Conducted client intake interviews and lead community education training sessions.

**Community & Economic Development Clinic,** Irvine, CA January 2014-May 2015

*Certified Student Attorney*

Represented mobile home park homeowners associations in a park closure and forced conversion actions. Represented clients in mediation and administrative hearings. Acted as central point of communication for over 60 clients. Managed a team of six law students. Successfully negotiated multiple settlements for residents totaling more than $1,000,000.

**Phillips, Whisnant, Gazin, Gorczyca & Curtin LLP,** Newport Beach, CA September 2013-May 2015

*Family Law Clerk*

Researched and drafted memoranda for divorce and custody matters on issues such as: closely held business interests, trademark disputes, division of royalties, and international custody disputes. Assisted in trial and deposition preparation. Independently met with clients. Conducted financial document reviews and drafted asset seizure and discovery motions.

**Indiana Supreme Court**, **Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush,** Indianapolis, IN June 2013- August 2013

*Judicial Extern*

Drafted transfer petition memoranda. Performed legal research. Drafted court opinions and presentation materials.

**Related Experience**

**Middle Way House Inc.,** Bloomington, IN September 2009-August 2012

*Crisis Intervention Specialist/On-Site Advocate, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center*

Operated domestic violence crisis hotline. Assisted survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence in hospital emergency room. Provided safety and well-being risk assessments. Completed 322 hours of crisis intervention training.

**2011 Fulbright Fellowship,** KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

*Fulbright-Hays Research Grant Recipient, Group Project Abroad Program*

Research topic: youth-led households in rural South Africa. Independently developed and implemented field research plan.

**Additional Education**

**National Institute for Trial Advocacy**: Trial Skills Training, Cleveland, OH June 2016

**State of California 40-Hour Domestic Violence Counselor Certification,** Irvine, CA September 2013