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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families

January 2019-Present

Executive Director

- Serve as inaugural director responsible for managing and leading the establishment and optimal impact of the Center.
- Launch the Center as a premier resource on foster care and preventing maltreatment in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health and Probation. Collaborate across UCLA, the community and region to advance policy and practices around child welfare.
- Provide day-to-day oversight of \$850k annual budget and \$multi-million-dollar endowment, and engage regularly with development officers and donors. Successfully fundraised \$7 million+ in 5 years of operation.
- Envision, organize and execute all programming, with an emphasis on anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion. Establish strategic plan, develop policy and procedures for Center's successful operation and carry out daily activities, such as project management, events, meetings, conferences and classes across all departments at UCLA. Oversee and direct all communications including rebrand, website, collateral and social media.
- Through meaningful relationships and community partnerships, plan and participate in campus and online convenings pertaining to foster care, education, mental health, medical care, social work, public health, law and public policy.
- Oversee and manage student researchers participating in the Center's research. Host and provide ongoing training and seminars for students from a range of fields, including public health, medicine, law and education.
- Teach undergraduate course on child welfare at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Hilda L. Solis

May 2016-December 2018

Children's Deputy

- Serve as senior staff leading the Supervisor's policy agenda for foster care, youth probation, education, women, and immigration. Key responsibilities include researching and writing motions for Board meetings; providing direct support to the Supervisor on all issues pertaining to child welfare; and analyzing and evaluating weekly presentations and requests by the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Serve as interim Justice Deputy for 6 months, managing Sheriff, Fire and Probation Departments, and the Office of the Public Defender. Address fires in the First District, conditions impacting pregnant and incarcerated women, reentry and recidivism, Prop 47/AB 109 commission creation/appointments, Public Defender hiring.
- Evaluate child fatalities/critical incidents, weekly Board action, legislation, litigation and constituent concerns. Retain details, and translate to concise, values based counsel or options for consideration and decision making. Staff the Supervisor weekly for meetings with County Counsel concerning legal issues in the County. Make recommendations on a range of topics, including strategic commissioner appointments and grant making, and ensure inclusion of the Supervisor's priorities in the County's \$30 billion budget.
- Represent the Supervisor among diverse communities and partners; facilitate relationships with CBOs, universities, elected officials, commissioners, government entities (federal/local), school districts/charter operators; present to large audiences (e.g. Asian-Pacific Islander, LGBTQ, veterans, social workers, law enforcement). Serve as point of contact for several foundations interested in investments for children.
- Anticipate and manage current events. Draft 175+ written briefings for meetings, events and Board meetings. Prepare 125+ speeches/talking points consistent with the Supervisor's platform for events, interviews (TV/radio) and Board meetings. Partner with communications team for statements, interviews, press conferences and website. Advance events and prepare the Supervisor for engagement with VIPs and press; tend to details including logistics, content and photography for efficient use of time and capital.
- Form diplomatic relationships with other Board offices and elected officials' staff to ensure successful execution of motions/press conferences, and judicious information sharing. Collaborate with scheduling, field and policy staff to flexibly accommodate the Supervisor's calendar and requests. Chaired weekly deputy meetings for 7 months.

Alliance for Children's Rights: Los Angeles, CA

September 2011-April 2016

Attorney and Manager, Medical-Legal Partnerships

- Establish and manage the first and only medical-legal partnership in the United States for children in foster care, located within the Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center's Violence Intervention Program. Conduct in-person interviews with over 1,500 caregivers and children/youth for legal services.
- Speak frequently at national child welfare conferences and court-appointed counsel. Provide training and presentations to medical staff on child abuse/neglect/welfare. Deliver presentations to the board; host board

members, donors and foundations at site visits; write talking points and provide support to communications department to keep the public informed of policy developments.

- Conduct analysis and support local and statewide child welfare policy efforts, such as developing implementation strategy for the Affordable Care Act's provisions for former foster youth and increasing access to mental health services.
- Develop strong expertise on issues common among foster children/children living in poverty, including educational disparities, trauma, disabilities, prenatal substance exposure, sex trafficking, kin-care and the word gap.
- Supervise legal assistants and students, and work collaboratively within multidisciplinary team.

Emory University School of Law, Barton Child Law and Policy Center: Atlanta, GA August 2010-August 2011
Postgraduate Fellow-in-Law

- Registered lobbyist experienced with testifying before committees, preparing a white paper, and engaging stakeholders in the lawmaking process.
- Supervised multidisciplinary team of law and social work students with drafting, lobbying for, and passing state legislation to enable the lawful operation of homeless and runaway youth shelters.
- Co-teacher in law courses; authored article on preventing pregnancy in foster care; co-wrote amicus brief filed with the Georgia Supreme Court and juvenile defense appeal; trained judges and attorneys statewide.

Center for Children's Rights, Special Education Clinic: Costa Mesa, California Spring 2010

- Intern, Part-Time: Participate in individualized education plan advocacy utilizing state and federal education law.

United States District Court, The Honorable David O. Carter: Santa Ana, California Fall 2009

- Judicial Extern, Full-Time: Prepare case summaries and minute orders; observed federal trials and sentencing daily.

Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice: Los Angeles, California Summer 2009

- Law Clerk, Full-Time-Criminal Appeals: Wrote and filed 10 briefs in 10 week period.

Public Counsel: Los Angeles, California Summer 2008

- Law Clerk, Full-Time: Held weekly high school clinics; coordinated intake for guardianship and education programs.

EDUCATION

Whittier Law School

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 2010

Costa Mesa, California

- Ranked 15/129
- 2015 Outstanding Young Alumna
- 2010 Dean's Citation for outstanding leadership and service to the law school
- 2010 Center for Children's Rights Fellow of the Year
- 2008 California Bar Foundation Scholarship Recipient for public service and commitment to children
- 2008-2010 Law Review: Research Editor
- 2007-2010 Fellow, Center for Children's Rights

California State University, Long Beach

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science: 2005

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DMH + UCLA Early Childhood Fellowship

Fellow, 2023-2024

- 10-month, application based professional development program concerning early childhood mental health. Fellows learn from national and local experts and collaborate with colleagues to create and implement innovative approaches to address the challenges faced by families with young children in their communities.

Stanford University

Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders

Palo Alto, California

June 2023

- Weeklong, application based professional development program led by Stanford MBA faculty for executive directors designed for general management training, combining conceptual knowledge with individual experiences, to increase impact in the nonprofit sector.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Whittier Law School: Costa Mesa, California
Adjunct Professor, Juvenile Law

Spring 2015

- Instruct 36 students on weekly basis on dependency and delinquency proceedings, and influential case law.

Assistant Director, Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition

2010-2015

- Draft juvenile law moot court competition problem and accompanying materials, including opposing appellate briefs, for law students competing in a national competition that explores child welfare.

PUBLICATIONS

Bearing Injustice—Pregnancy Prevention & Parenting in Foster Care	28 Berkeley J. Gender L. & Just. 77 (2013)
A Fair Hearing for Children	9 Whittier J. Child & Fam. Advoc. 341 (2010)
Conceiving Injury—An Analysis of People v. Cross	30 Whittier L. Rev. 645 (2009)

TELEVISION CONSULTING

Nickelodeon

Fall 2023

- Provide consultation on children's television show (subject to NDA) exploring adoption and family formation.

Apple TV

Fall 2020

- Provide consultation on children's television show, *Pretzel and the Puppies*, concerning foster care and food insecurity.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A New Way of Life , Board of Directors	April 2023 – Present
Human Rights Watch , Los Angeles Committee	March 2022-Present
Homeboy Industries , Youth Volunteer	March 2022-Present
Happy Trails for Kids , Volunteer	December 2021-Present
East Los Angeles College , Pathway to Law Volunteer	2019-Present
KIPP LA Schools , Young Professionals Board	2014-2016
California Bar Foundation , Diversity Scholarship Committee	2012-2016
