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Administrative Experience

Executive Director, UPROSE 1996 – present Responsible for overall administration of 50-year old community based organization. Designed and implemented intergenerational environmental, social and climate justice community planning and organizing framework. Serve as spokesperson on various policy issues. Successfully stabilized and diversified funding and manage Board of Directors and Advisors. Led campaign that successfully secured an allocation of over 40 million dollars for waterfront park, and responsible for overseeing several infrastructure and social justice campaigns. Part of national climate justice leadership responsible for Peoples Climate March.

Executive Director, Advocates For Children 1991 – 1992 Proposed, negotiated and monitored public bodies and administrative regulations designed to foster institutional improvements in the public school system; supervised full and part--time lay and legal staff; served as a spokesperson in the community, before public bodies and in the media; also responsible for fundraising, fiscal operations and working with the Board of Directors.

Interim Dean of Puerto Rican Student Affairs/Assistant Dean of Yale College, Yale University 1988 – 1989 Managed several programs for Yale College. Served as Resident Fellow of Berkeley College. Served as advisor to Despierta Boricua and the Women of Color Law Caucus, at the Yale Law School. Advisory member of Yale's Law Journal, Law and Liberation.

Director of Legal Education and Training, Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund 1986-1988 Responsible for recruitment, admissions, retention, and professional development programs designed for students and attorneys of color. Met with law school admissions officers throughout the country to ensure increased enrollment. Developed educational materials and Moot Court/community legal education model. Provided counseling to students on the admissions process, personal statement and LSAT preparation as a consultant until 1996.

Litigation Experience

Director of Legal Services, American Indian Law Alliance 1994-1996 Provided representation, referrals, *pro se* workshops and assistance to Native Americans faced with federal, state and tribal legal issues. Coordinated legal education workshops, in areas of housing, domestic relations, employment and tribal enrollment.

Staff Attorney, Shneyer and Shen 1992-1994 Engaged in various aspects of Civil Rights practice in New York and New Jersey, Wrote and researched motions, pleadings and briefs, and discovery requests. Conducted preparation and defense of depositions; conducted trial preparation, including preparation of witnesses, documents, subpoenas and pre--trial orders. Negotiated settlements and made court appearances.

Staff Counsel, Community Service Society 1989-1991 Conducted legal research and reviewed policy

documents to determine appropriate legal action. Presented testimony before government agencies and legislators. Developed and implemented successful city-wide community based legal assistance project which involved training *pro bono* lawyers at large firms to work with organized working class parents.

Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, Legal Services for the Elderly 1984- 1986

Assisted in all phases of litigation for federal back-up center on behalf of the elderly. Developed and implemented community legal education project for elders of color.

Adjunct Professor and Consultant Reginald Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, Urban Legal Studies Program @ City College 1987-1988

Taught International law with a focus on Puerto Rico as a case study to senior honor students. **Consultant, The Valley-** legal Counsel to non-profit corporation. Developed youth organizing training. Proposed funding strategies for general support and special projects.

Guest Speaker

Lecturer at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Columbia School of Law, Cooper Union and various law schools and universities throughout the US, national conferences, the United Nations and the White House. Topics include: Civil Rights, environmental and climate justice, intergenerational movement building, organizing, health and African Diaspora cultural issues. Featured on programs such as: Good Day New York, Best Talk in Town, Al Jazeera, Huffington Post, The Guardian, Grist, New Republic, TIEMPO, PBS, Despierta America, NY1'a Inside City Hall , LATINA magazine, VOGUE and several books.

Education

Northeastern University School of Law, Juris Doctor,

1983 Who's Who Among American Law Students **Fordham**

University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1980

National Political Science Honorary Society, Dean's List

Columbia University Graduate School of Business,

Certificate in Non-profit Management

Professional and Community Affiliations

Climate Justice Alliance – current co-chair

The Solutions Project current advisory board member

US EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council - former Chairperson

US EPA National Working Group on Resiliency in Industrial Waterfronts- co-chair

National Institute of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Advisory Board-current appointment

Former Commissioner--- NYS Congestion Mitigation Commission New York City

NYC Environmental Justice Alliance--- President (2008 -2013) Currently, Vice Chair

NYC Mayor's Sustainability and Long Term Planning Advisory Board ---member

NYC Mayor's Bloomberg's Energy Task Force---member

New Partners for Community Revitalization--- former

Board Member NYC League of Conservation Voters--- Former Board Member

The Nature Conservancy of NY--- Environmental Leaders

Gowanus Expressway Community Coalition –Vice Chair, 1996 to 2010

OWN Organization of Waterfront Neighborhoods---Co---founder –member, 1994 to present

CURE Communities United for Responsible Energy –Co--founder 2001.
Municipal Art Society Community Based Planning Task Force--- co---founder
2001 to present New York Civil Liberties Union--- Board Member, 1993 to 2001.

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2014 NYC Council Green Award 2014 NYC COUNCIL Community
Leadership Award 2013 PODER Magazine- 100 Green Latinos 2013 Puerto
Rican Bar Association, Flor de Maga Award 2013 CUNY, Kingsborough
Community College Presidential Medal of Honor 2011 VIDA National
Hispanic Health Leadership Award 2011 Boricua College Professional
Achievement in Environmental Health Award

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2011 Grand Marshall Of Brooklyn Puerto Rican Day Parade 2010 El Diario La Prensa Mujer
Destacada Award 2009 NYC Council Women and the Environmental Award 2007 Earth Day NRDC
Environmental Advocate of the Year 2007 American Planning Association, Paul Davidoff Award 2007
Municipal Art Society, Yolanda Garcia Community Planner Award 2006 US EPA Environmental
Quality Award 2006 Inaugural New York City Council Environmental Leadership Award Presented by
Speaker Quinn June 2006 Apollo Alliance, Urban Agenda Visionary Award 2005 Honorable mention
in the US Congressional Record for Hispanic Heritage month 2004 Honored in State of New York
Legislative Resolution dated March 16, 2004, Sen. Velmanette Montgomery 2004 Councilmember
Sara Gonzalez, Community Leadership Award 2004 US Congressmember Nydia Velazquez
Community Service Award 2004 National Latina Leadership Award--- National Foundation of Women
Legislators and National Council of La Raza 2003 Asian American For Equality--- Dream of Equality
Award 2003 Comite Noviembre---Puerto Rican Heritage Award 2001 Union Square Award 1996 57th
Assembly District Award for Legal Services. 2000 Dewey Middle School 136 in Sunset Park
Outstanding Community Service Award 1992 United Parent Association--- Parent Empowerment
Award-- 1991 New York University's Minority Students' Award for Community Service- 1989 Yale
University's African American Cultural Center's Administrator Award