

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, George Mason University School of Law, May 2001, magna cum laude; Writing Fellow; Associate Editor, George Mason Law Review; Secretary, George Mason Inn of Court

Bachelor of Science, Arabic Languages, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1978

EXPERIENCE

Of Counsel, Poarch Thompson Law, Salem VA	7/2018 to present
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL)	
Assistant Director, District Court Section	05/2008 to 12/2016
Senior Litigation Counsel, District Court Section	07/2007 to 05/2008
Trial Attorney	07/2003 to 07/2007

Attorney Advisor (DOJ Honors Program), Executive Office of Immigration Review, Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, Arlington and Atlanta Immigration Courts

Pro Se Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria,

VA George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, VA

- Research Assistant, Legal Writing Program
- Research Assistant
- Writing Fellow

Law Clerk, Law Office of Michael McVicker, Reston, VA

U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

- Passport Specialist, Washington Passport Office
- Para Consular Assistant, U.S. Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Visa Assistant, U.S. Embassy, Athens, Greece

PUBLICATIONS

- The Federal Lawyer, Oct/Nov. 2014: *Reflections on the Value of ILS Membership to U.S. Government Attorneys*
- The Federal Lawyer, March 2018: *Making Our "Immigration Courts" Courts*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- New York Asylum and Immigration Law Conference 2019: *Detention Issues*
- Federal Bar Association (FBA) Civil Rights Law Section Etouffee 2019: *Due Process and the Immigration Courts: To Be or Not To Be an Article I Court?*
- Association of Deportation Defense Attorneys, 2019: *Working Your Appeal*
- Dougherty-Nelson Air Force CLE (DNCLE) Program : *Immigration Law in the Military*
- FBA Veteran's and Military Law Section, 2018: *Military Naturalization, Veterans, and Derivatives*
- FBA Immigration Law Section 2018 Immigration Law Seminar: *Asylum Availability in Expedited Removal and Reinstatement: Credible Fear & Reasonable Fear*
The Top Ten Things to Avoid When Litigating in the Courts of Appeals
Class Action Litigation Post Walmart and Jennings
- FBA Immigration Law Section Federal Immigration Litigation Seminar 2017: *Military Naturalization, Veterans, and Derivatives*
- FBA Immigration Law Section 2017 Immigration Law Seminar: *Expedited and Administrative Removal - Removal under INA 235 and 238, and Reinstatement*
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- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Panel Presentation 2017:
Tips for Litigating Immigration Cases in Federal Court
- FBA Labor and Employment Law Conference, 2017: *Crosstalk: Employment and Immigration Law: Employment Verification – Litigation Past and Present*
- AILA DC Chapter Seminar 2016: *Immigration Remedies in U.S. District Court: Mandamus, Habeas and APA*
- FBA Immigration Law Section 2016 Immigration Law Seminar: *Derivative and Acquired Citizenship*
- FBA Immigration Law Section, 2013 Immigration Law Seminar:
Appellate Review at the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
Immigration Remedies in U.S. Federal Court: Mandamus, Habeas and APA
Tips for Brief Writing at the BIA and the Courts of Appeal
- FBA Immigration Law Section, 2012 Immigration Law Seminar:
Immigration Remedies in U.S. Federal Court: Mandamus, Habeas and APA
Appellate Review of Immigration Decisions at the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
- Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL) Seminar, 2012: *Border Issues*
- FBA Immigration Law Section, 2011 Immigration Law Seminar: *Immigration Remedies in U.S. Federal Court: Mandamus, Habeas and APA*
- Office of Immigration Litigation Seminar, 2010:
Racial Profiling and Detainer Litigation
Bivens Representation in Immigration Cases
- OIL Seminar, 2009:
Delay Litigation: Past, Present and Future
Naturalization Denials under 1421(c)
- OIL Seminar, 2008:
The Administrative Procedure Act and Judicial Review
Naturalization and Adjustment
Open Forum: Interacting with Agency Counsel in the Benefits Context
- OIL Seminar, 2007: *Workplace Enforcement, Defending Mandamus Actions*
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services 4th Annual Conference, 2006: *Interacting with Agency Counsel in the Litigation Context*
- Civil Division Immigration Seminar, 2004: *Convention Against Torture Cases*

Memberships and Professional Associations/Licenses/Certifications

- Virginia State Bar, 2001 to Present
- Federal Bar Association, 2001 to Present
Member, FBA Sections and Divisions Council, 2019-present
- Member, FBA Immigration Law Section Board of Governors, 2010-2020;
Secretary, 2015-2016;
Treasurer, 2016-2017;
Chair, 2017-2019
Immediate Past Chair, 2019-2021
- Basic Consular Course Certificate (PC 530), Department of State, 8/1992

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Federal Bar Association Advocacy Award, 2018
- Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section Outstanding Government Lawyer, 2017
- Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section Barry Frager Award, 2013
- Department of Justice Civil Division's Special Commendation Award, DOJ, 2007, 2014, 2016