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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT, Austin, TX

President & CEO, Feb. 2016 - Present

Lead preeminent civil rights advocacy organization in Texas. Revitalized struggling organization in under five years, including by growing annual budget from \$2.3 to \$5.2 million, implementing unique community lawyering model and attracting national recognition for work to expand access to voting and to protect immigrant families. Manage multiracial, six-person Leadership Team, and oversee 40-person staff in five offices across Texas with docket of more than 30 active lawsuits and five advocacy campaigns. Drive popular understanding of voting rights, election reform and Texas politics, and have been featured in range of media outlets, including *Texas Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *Washington Post*, *Guardian*, NPR, CNN, and as a speaker at influential forums such as Texas Tribune Festival (2018, 2019, 2020), Aspen Ideas Festival (2018), and Chautauqua Institution (2018).

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, TX

Adjunct Professor, Aug. 2015 - Present

Teach "Election Law and Policy" to second and third-year law students each fall to consistently high reviews.

BATTLEGROUND TEXAS, Austin, TX

Legal Director, May 2014 - Feb. 2016

Led election law strategy as chief in-house counsel for progressive political group and for the Wendy R. Davis for Governor Campaign. Created Texas Democrats' first statewide, coordinated voter protection program in 2014, including by managing four-person legal team, providing legal support for mobilization efforts of hundreds of campaign staff and thousands of volunteers, and directly aiding voters and candidates with a hotline and education materials. Post-election, acted as primary counsel to Battleground Texas in its transition into year-round voter registration and community organizing non-profit.

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, Jan. 2013 - Nov. 2014

Represented corporate clients in all types of complex civil litigations. Dedicated 25% of billable hours to *pro bono* practice, including ongoing representation of Everytown for Gun Safety.

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Counsel, Sept. 2009 - Dec. 2012

Litigated scores of voting rights and campaign finance reform cases in federal courts across the country, including in the U.S. Supreme Court. Advocated for expanded access to voting and greater regulation of money in politics through academic research, popular commentary and legislative counseling, including working with the office of then-Governor of Delaware Jack Markell to pass a law boosting transparency of third-party political spending in 2012. Launched Center's government dysfunction project to advocate for procedural reform in U.S. Senate; testified before U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration in 2010 on same.

HON. JAMES C. FRANCIS IV, MAGISTRATE JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, New York, NY

Law Clerk, Aug. 2008 - Aug. 2009

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SELECTED HONORS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, *Chair of Texas State Advisory Committee* (current)
NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, *Board of Trustees* (current)
JOSÉ GARZA FOR TRAVIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, *Treasurer & Chair of transition team* (current)
NYU, *Board of Trustees* (2013-2020)
AUSTIN UNDER 40 AWARDS, *2020 Winner; 2019 Finalist* (non-profit category)

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
JD, *cum laude*, May 2008

Honors: NYU REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE, *Staff Editor*
Dean John Sexton Prize for Service to the Law School
NYU President's Service Award

Summer Internships: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section
South Brooklyn Legal Services, Housing Law Unit

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

BA in English & Psychology, *magna cum laude*, May 2004

Honors: Vanderbilt Ingram Scholar (for academic achievement and community service)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Congressional Testimony/Activity: Invited to testify and testified before U.S. House of Representatives three times in recent years, including before: the Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis on best practices for voter administration during the pandemic (September 2020); the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights & Civil Liberties on the Voting Rights Act in Texas (May 2019); and the Committee on House Administration's Subcommittee on Elections on access to voting in Texas (February 2019) (my remarks were also featured in a subsequent publication prepared by Chairperson Marcia Fudge). Spoke at press conference with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Lloyd Doggett on voting rights bill, H.B. 1, in March 2019.

Select Publications: Authored popular opinion pieces, such as *Will the Texas Supreme Court let Republican state leaders deny our right to vote?*, in the *Washington Post* (May 20, 2020). Drafted academic commentary, such as *What Starts in Texas Doesn't Always Stay in Texas: Why Texas's Systematic Elimination of Grassroots Voter Registration Drives Could Spread*, an American Constitution Society Issue Brief (May 2018).

Additional Teaching Experience: Taught undergraduate seminar "The Constitution and Today's Public Policy Debates" at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at NYU (2011) and "The Relationship of Government and Religion" at NYU's Abu Dhabi campus with NYU President John Sexton (2008-2010).

Bar Admissions: Active member of the State of Texas Bar. Inactive member of State of New York Bar. Admitted to practice in several federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Western District of Texas, the Southern District of Texas, and the Northern District of Texas.