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ADVOCATE / IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY / LEADER

- Passionate immigrant advocate who is grounded in her faith and the guiding principles that surround our call to welcome the stranger in our midst – justice, compassion, and truth.
- Seasoned attorney with twenty years of experience in immigration serving a broad range of individuals and organizations including Fortune 500 companies, government and private sector commercial entities, as well as non-profit and non-governmental organizations.
- Highly effective and strategic leader of complex immigration policy initiatives with extensive experience leading multiple projects and effective coalition efforts, coordinating pro bono clinics and community outreach, and delivering solutions for emergent circumstances.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Advocacy Director, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

October 2016 – Present

CLINIC is a national non-profit organization that promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of over 330 Catholic and community legal immigration programs.

- Establishing CLINIC as a key stakeholder to the relevant departments and agencies under this administration and serving as the principal relationship manager for points of contact among political appointees and senior career-level staff.
- Leading CLINIC's national administrative advocacy efforts, which include efforts to preserve Temporary Protected Status, to strengthen the DOJ Recognition and Accreditation program, defend against efforts to drastically broaden the definition of public charge, and oppose changes in access to USCIS fee waivers.
 - Co-founding and leading the TPS Working Group
 - Founding and providing leadership to the Recognition and Accreditation Working Group
 - Co-chairing the faith-based arm of the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign
 - Founding and leading an ad hoc group of advocates to strategically fight the fee waiver proposal
- Leveraging relationships with Catholic, interfaith and government partners to strategically engage, lifting up the voices of affiliate agencies and immigrants, and presenting sound recommendations for policy and procedural change.
- Strategizing and marshalling resources to raise awareness of, disrupt, and mitigate the harm of anti-immigrant proposals at the national, state and local level.
- Providing technical assistance, case liaison support, and strategic guidance to legal counsel and allies involved in the high-provide deportation case of Maribel Trujillo Diaz.
- Serving as a spokesperson to the press and general public, preparing and engaging in public speaking events.
- Forming, developing, and maintaining relationships with new and diverse allies and partners to raise awareness of and support for CLINIC's mission.

President, Board of Directors for FIRN, Inc.

January 2013 – July 2015

FIRN is a nonprofit organization in Central Maryland that empowers immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them to access community resources and opportunities.

- Develop and implement strategic plan, including the development of strategic objectives and goals that are measurable and achievable as well as tied to appropriate metrics.
- Work as a team with Board and FIRN staff to set and work toward achieving the shared mission of the organization. In partnership with Executive Director, achieved 140 percent increase in public funding in two years, 30 percent increase in staff, and significant expansion of outreach and programs.
- Lead and facilitate fundraising efforts, including communications with current and potential donors/funders that quantify the organization's achievements and positive impact on the community.
- Represent FIRN and the Board of Directors as a spokesperson to the press and general public, prepare and provide testimony in favor of government funding and engage in all related public speaking events.
- Seek opportunities to publicly recognize FIRN's team for providing high quality and effective services. Successfully and enthusiastically nominated FIRN team for Association of Community Services' Audrey Robbins Humanitarian Awards (award granted 2014).
- Developed partnerships with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, county government, community college, JROTC and other community partners to host first Special Naturalization Ceremony in Howard County for over two decades and solidified partnerships to commit to holding annual event.
- Research, analyze, developed and implemented new process for Executive Director performance evaluation that establishes and monitors the progress of organizational goals and measures performance.

- Collaborated with Executive Director and board committee chairs to develop board meeting schedules and agendas that advance the mission of the organization and activities under the strategic plan.
- Updated policies and procedures for board recruitment, on-boarding, and orientation.

Director and Global Immigration Counsel, Pro-Link GLOBAL, Inc. January 2013 – July 2014

Pro-Link GLOBAL is an award-winning consultancy with multiple offices worldwide that specializes in global immigration.

- Provided legal expertise and managed a high-volume docket of global immigration cases; prepared complex business visa and immigration petitions, oversaw global consultants and specialists, and acted as a liaison to and managed local global immigration counsel providers throughout the world.
- Collaborated with Executive Committee to engage in strategic decision making for business as well as develop position description, recruitment plans, and evaluate candidates for senior administrative roles.
- Worked with team to develop strategy and execute plan for marketing and communication campaign as well as business development targeting U.S. immigration practices. Supervised Manager, Business Development.
- Mentored junior immigration counsel, members of business development and marketing teams as well as members of Global Immigration Group.
- Traveled frequently to meet with current and potential clients, attend and represent organization at international conferences, as well as to attend regular and ad hoc meetings with Executive team.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Silver Spring, MD April 2015 – Present

Advocacy Director (2016 – Present), Advocacy Attorney (2015-2016)

Pro-Link GLOBAL, Inc., Bradenton, FL and Columbia, MD January 2013 – July 2014

Director and Global Immigration Counsel

Jill Marie Bussey, Attorney at Law, Columbia, MD May 2012 – April 2015

Founder and Attorney

Goel & Anderson, Reston, VA April 2011 – May 2012

Partner and Head of Global Immigration Practice (Attorney)

Baker & McKenzie LLP, Washington, D.C. April 2005 – February 2011

Attorney, Global Migration & Executive Transfers Practice Group

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Washington, D.C. March – April 2005

Attorney, Immigration Group (Contracted)

Law Offices of Jill Marie Bussey, Baltimore, MD June 2004 – April 2005

Founder and Attorney

Shaw Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, Washington, D.C. Summer 2002; Feb. 1999 – Aug. 2001

Immigration Legal Assistant, Corporate Technology Practice Group

Legal Assistant Coordinator, Whitman Walker Pro Bono Program

Law Office of Sheela Murthy (now Murthy Law Firm), Owings Mills, MD 1998-1999

Paralegal

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Cultural Proficiency, Level One: Awareness, HCPSS Department of Professional & Organizational Development, 2014

Community Spanish, Howard County Community College (non-credit)

Organizational Sustainability, Howard Community College Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development, 2014

University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., cum laude (with Business Concentration), 2004

Research Assistant to Janet Thompson Jackson, Clinical Fellow

Rule 16 Student Attorney, University of Baltimore Community Development Clinic

Intern, Community Law Center

Dean's Citation for Community Service 2003

The George Washington University, Certificate in Legal Assistant Studies (4.0 GPA), 2001

The American University, B.A., Law & Society, 1995

RECENT PUBLIC SPEAKING, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- “Policy and Advocacy Briefing: Year Three under the Trump Administration”, CLINIC Convening, Pittsburgh, PA, May-June 2019.
- “Administrative Power: Building an Invisible Wall Around the United States”, 15th Annual Law and Immigration Policy Conference, Washington, D.C., Oct. 2018.
- “Understanding DHS’ Proposed Changes to Public Charge Definition: What You Need to Know”, CLINIC Webinar, Sept. 2018.
- “Terminating TPS Colloquium”, Institute for Immigration Research, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, Sept. 2018.

- “Sharing the Journey with Immigrants and Refugees in Uncertain Times” CCUSA Annual Gathering, Buffalo, New York, Sept. 2018.
- “U.S. Immigration Law and Policy Briefing to Members of the Government of El Salvador”, CLINIC, Silver Spring, MD, Aug. 2018.
- “Immigration Law and Policy Hot Topics”, CLINIC Convening, Tucson, Arizona, June 2018.
- “TPS Strategy Workshop”, National Immigrant Integration Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, 2017.
- “Justice and Solidarity Caring for Refugees and Immigrants”, Panel Discussion at the Archdiocese of Boston’s Justice Convocation, Boston, Massachusetts, 2017.
- “Threats to Humanitarian Relief: Advising and Advocating Amidst Uncertainty”, AILA D.C. Chapter Fall Conference, Rockville, Maryland, 2017.
- “Is This The End of TPS? Preparing Clients and Communities”, CLINIC Webinar, July 2017.
- “Keeping Up with Immigration Policies in the Trump Era”, CLINIC Convening, Atlanta, Georgia, 2017.
- “DACA After United States v. Texas: Recommendations for the Executive”, Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation, Advocacy Working Group, June 2016.
- “Open Forum with the National Visa Center”, CLINIC Convening, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
- “Effective Case Advocacy and Troubleshooting”, CLINIC Convening, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
- “Update on Changes to BIA Recognition and Accreditation,” CLINIC Convening, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
- “Open Forum: CIS Ombudsman’s Office”, CLINIC Convening, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
- “Lessons Learned from DACA”, CIRI Ready America, Arlington, Virginia, 2016.
- “Raise Your Voice! A Listening Session with National Immigration Advocates”, CIRI Ready America, Arlington, Virginia 2016.
- “Global Compliance – Securing Appropriate Immigration Status in Key Jurisdictions”, AILA Global Immigration Forum, National Harbor, Maryland, 2015.
- “Administrative Relief and Changes to Immigration Enforcement”, CLINIC Convening, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2015.
- Summer Podcast Series (Moderator), Pro-Link GLOBAL, June – July 2014.
- “Managing Global Immigration - Innovation, Growth and Management,” AILA Global Immigration Forum, Boston, Massachusetts, 2014.
- Senior Editor, 2014 AILA Global Forum Handbook, American Immigration Lawyer Association, June 2014.
- Editor, Navigating the Fundamental of Immigration Law, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2014. Edition.
- “Pre- and Post- Merger Immigration Compliance,” AILA Global Immigration Forum, San Francisco, California, 2014.
- Senior Editor, 2013 AILA Global Forum Handbook, American Immigration Lawyers Association, June 2013.
- Editor, Navigating the Fundamental of Immigration Law, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2013. Edition,
- “Corruption Junction,” Pro-Link GLOBAL, June 2013.

RECENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/PRO BONO PROJECTS

<i>New Hope Lutheran Church (Columbia, MD)</i> <i>Council Member</i>	2019 - Present
<i>Longfellow Elementary School Parent Teacher Association</i> <i>President (2017-2018)</i> <i>Vice President (2016-2017)</i>	2014 - Present
<i>Howard County Community Consumer Protection Advisory Board</i> <i>The Consumer Affairs Advisory Board works with the Office of Consumer Protection to educate and protect Howard County consumers.</i> <i>Appointed by Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman to represent economically disadvantaged groups</i>	Feb. 2015-2018
<i>Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)</i> <i>Co-Chair, AILA DC Chapter, AILA Citizenship Day 2016 and 2017</i> <i>Chair, Global Immigration Forum Conference Committee 2014</i> <i>Site Coordinator, AILA DC Chapter, AILA Citizenship Day 2014</i> <i>Vice Chair, Global Immigration Forum Conference Committee 2013</i>	2005 - Present
<i>Member, Board of Directors for FIRN, Inc.</i> <i>Host and Emcee, Special Naturalization Ceremony 2014, 2015</i> <i>Chair, Fundraising Committee 2012-2013</i> <i>Chair, Special Naturalization Ceremony Planning Committee 2013</i>	April 2008 – July 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Maryland Court of Appeals (eligible to waive into District of Columbia Bar)
 Member, Maryland State Bar Association
 Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)