

ERIC A. COHEN

EDUCATION

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL
J.D., June 1986

COLORADO COLLEGE
Colorado Springs, CO
B.A., History, May 1982

**FOREIGN
LANGUAGE**

Spanish

EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Immigrant Legal Resource Center,
San Francisco, CA (2007 – Present)

Oversee every aspect of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's operations, including program, finance, development and administration; supervise all managers and attorneys; coordinate activities and committees of the board of directors; engage in various program activities including naturalization and citizenship program activities.

LEGAL DIRECTOR AND STAFF ATTORNEY
Immigrant Legal Resource Center,
San Francisco, CA (1988 - 2007)

Conduct monthly training for attorneys, paralegals, and community resident/lay advocates on various aspects of immigration law with a concentration on naturalization and citizenship issues; conduct community education projects; assumed partial responsibility for numerous administrative duties including fundraising, grant writing, and grant reporting; and co-authored the following publications and practice manuals: *Naturalization: A Guide for Immigration Practitioners and Other Community Advocates*, *Naturalization Manual for Volunteers*, *Naturalization Manual for Teachers*, *Winning Suspension of Deportation Cases*, *A Guide For Immigration Advocates* (Trainers' and Students' Editions), *Family Visa Workshops: A Guide To Effective Visa Processing*, *Deportation Defense Hearing Skills Training* (Trainers' and Students' Editions), and *Lay Advocates Training Program Curriculum*.

As Legal Director (2003 – 2007), I worked as both a staff attorney and I supervised all program and legal work. At times, I supervised the development department on all its foundation grant proposal and reporting work.

LECTURER OF LAW (Part Time)

Stanford Law School

Assisted in teaching the Stanford Immigration Law Clinic with Professor Bill Ong Hing (Fall, 1990 - 1994)

Supervised students representing clients before the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and prepared legal briefs for immigration court and appellate advocacy.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

University of California Hastings School of Law Immigration Clinic
San Francisco, CA (1995)

Assisted Professor Richard Boswell in teaching an immigration law practice class. The class covered representing clients before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Immigration Court) and the INS. The curriculum included: client interviewing, client counseling, fact investigation, witness preparation, opening and closing statements, direct and cross examination, presentation of evidence, evidentiary objections, legal writing (briefs, declarations, and other legal writing), other aspects of trials and hearings, group work, and community education efforts. Supervised students representing clients before the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the INS.

STAFF ATTORNEY

AFL-CIO, Labor Immigrants Assistance Project,
Los Angeles, CA (1987 - 1988)

Represented clients before the INS; prepared legal briefs for appellate advocacy; helped clients complete immigration applications; conducted community education seminars; trained officials from various labor unions in immigration law; and participated in union organizing efforts of immigrant workers for various labor unions (1987 - 1988).

ORGANIZER

Californians for a Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze
Los Angeles, CA (Fall, 1982)

Coalition for a New Military and Foreign Policy
Washington D.C. (Winter/Spring, 1983)

Member, California Bar