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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER (NIJC), Washington, DC**

*Policy Director, 2016 – present*

- Oversees NIJC's legislative and policy advocacy on issues that impact immigrant communities including immigrant detention, enforcement, immigration funding, and access to asylum.
- Regularly engages with policy- and law-makers on emerging immigration policy issues.
- Regularly provides analysis of immigration laws and policy proposals to news outlets including CNN, The New York Times, the Washington Post, and Politico.

**CAPITAL AREA IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS (CAIR) COALITION, Washington, DC**

*Legal Director, 2013 – 2016*

- Oversee legal staff providing a range of services to over 5,000 adults and youth immigrants annually, held in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Office of Refugee Resettlement throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Oversee development and growth of new program to support, train, and mentor criminal defense attorneys throughout Virginia on immigration consequences of crimes.
- On issues impacting immigrant population served, direct advocacy efforts with the Department of Homeland Security and Executive Office for Immigration Review and impact litigation strategies with the Board of Immigration Appeals and federal circuit courts.
- Direct communications strategy, including blogging, social media, and press work.

**CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES, GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOOL, Washington, DC**

*Supervising Attorney and Clinical Teaching Fellow, 2011 – 2013*

- Supervised law students in a legal services clinic representing noncitizens seeking fear-based protection in removal proceedings in immigration court. Co-taught seminar focused on substantive immigration law, immigration court practice, and trial advocacy. Jointly responsible for student and case selection, curriculum development, and other aspects of clinic management.
- Active member of local coalition engaged in advocacy campaigns on issues of import to immigrant communities in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area.

**NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENDER SERVICE OF HARLEM (NDS), New York, NY**

*Immigration Attorney, 2008 – 2011*

- Created and ran the Immigration Services Project. Consulted with criminal defenders and clients regarding immigration consequences of criminal dispositions. Provided representation on immigration matters including deportation defense, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, affirmative applications to the Department of Homeland Security, and post-conviction relief in criminal court. Oversaw a caseload of between one-hundred and one-hundred-fifty open cases.

**HEIDI ALTMAN**



- Conducted advocacy on issues affecting NDS's noncitizen clients, including coalition work seeking to limit immigration enforcement efforts in local jails.

**HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST**, New York, NY  
*Program Associate, Asylum Program, 2003 – 2005*

- Conducted intake interviews in English and French with detained and non-detained refugees seeking asylum. Managed administration of *pro bono* network to represent asylum seekers.  
*Communications Associate, 2002 – 2003*

**B'TSELEM: THE ISRAELI INFORMATION CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES**, Jerusalem, Israel  
*Researcher, 1999 – 2000*

**EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOOL**, Washington, DC  
Master of Laws, October 2013  
Honors: With Distinction

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
Juris Doctor, May 2008  
Honors: *Cum Laude*, McKay Scholar, Christine Jarecki Prize for Outstanding Clinical Work

- Student Attorney, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2006 – 2008

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, New York, NY  
Master of International Affairs in Human Rights, May 2002  
Honors: Gitelson/Meyerowitz Human Rights Essay Award

**YALE UNIVERSITY**, New Haven, CT  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 1999  
Honors: *Cum Laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*