

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: November 15, 2018

TO: **Members, Board Executive Committee**
Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Rodney Low, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

SUBJECT: California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA),
Reappointment of State Bar Representatives to Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Periodically, the State Bar of California is called upon to appoint State Bar representatives to the Boards of certain multi-county, federally funded legal services programs in California. The State Bar Board Book sets forth Guidelines for Appointment of State Bar Representatives to Boards of Directors of Programs Funded by the Legal Services Corporation. These Guidelines allow individuals to serve a maximum of six years (through successive terms of either two or three years).

Under the bylaws of the California Rural Legal Assistance ("CRLA"), the State Bar appoints eight members to the CRLA Board of Directors. The members serve staggered terms. Two current CRLA Board members, Esteban Rodriguez and Anthony (Tony) LoPresti, completed their first two-year term on April 30, 2018, and Alejandro Delgado, will complete his second two-year term on December 31, 2018. CRLA requests the reappointment of these individuals to the CRLA Board.

BACKGROUND

CRLA is a nonprofit legal service program created to help California's low-income individuals and communities. CRLA serves low-income individuals living in rural and other communities throughout California. CRLA clients include farmworkers, individuals with disabilities, immigrant populations, school children, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) populations, seniors, and individuals with limited English proficiency.

Pursuant to federal regulations of the Legal Services Corporation (45 C.F.R. § 1607 et seq.), the State Bar of California makes appointments to multi-county, federally funded legal services organizations upon their request and recommendation. As part of the appointments process, the State Bar is in a position to help individual organizations reach out to a larger and more diverse pool of attorneys which in turn allows the organizations to attract stronger candidates, and

ultimately ensures the organizations have better governance and are more effective delivering legal services to low income Californians. Individuals previously appointed by the State Bar may be reappointed under certain circumstances.

The State Bar Board Book sets forth the requirements for appointments at Tab 5.3, Article 6, Section 5, "Guidelines for Appointment of State Bar Representatives to Boards of Directors of Programs Funded by the Legal Services Corporation." The guidelines provide protocols for programs to request appointments, require publication of vacancies for a set time, conduct outreach to ensure diversity, and set forth a policy for reappointments which states:

It is the policy of the State Bar not to consider for reappointment any member who has served on a board for two (2) terms or six (6) years, whichever is greater, unless the reappointment is required to continue the term of any officer, in which case a member may be reappointed for a period of time sufficient to allow completion of the term of office, or for other good cause, such as lack of eligible candidates from the service area.

(Article 6, Guidelines for Appointment of State Bar Representatives to Boards of Directors of Programs Funded by the Legal Services Corporation, Section 5, Reappointments).

Because Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. LoPresti have each only served one two-year term, they are both eligible for reappointment, with the possibility of reappointment to a third two-year term. Mr. Delgado is completing his second two-year term, which makes him eligible for reappointment to one more two-year term.

DISCUSSION

At its October Board meeting, the CRLA Board recommended the reappointment of Esteban Rodriguez, Anthony (Tony) LoPresti and Alejandro Delgado to two-year terms. As discussed above, all three of these individuals are eligible for reappointment. The CRLA Board requests and recommends the State Bar Board of Trustees reappoint them to the CRLA Board. Because CRLA wishes to reappoint these members, CRLA did not request the State Bar to issue a press release to solicit additional candidates.

The recommendation letter from Jose Padilla, CRLA Executive Director, including the current CRLA Board demographics and the resumes for the three attorneys recommended for reappointment are attached.

Mr. Rodriguez is a strong supporter of CRLA in the Los Angeles area, especially as a member of CRLA's Los Angeles Event Committee. Mr. Rodriguez has represented clients in immigration-related matters, including U-Visa and asylum petitions on a pro bono basis as part of his practice with O'Melveny & Myers. CRLA places a high value on Board members who know the community served by CRLA. Mr. Rodriguez has roots in the farmworker and immigrant client community CRLA serves through his family as both of his grandfathers are former farmworkers.

Anthony (Tony) LoPresti is an attorney with the firm of Altshuler Berzon. Mr. LoPresti has direct knowledge of the rural region in the San Joaquin Valley, where CRLA has six regional offices, through his work with Central Valley Hmong farmers and the Center on Race Poverty and the Environment. His practice includes representing and advising unions in employment and labor matters, subjects that coincide with CRLA's work. Additionally, his involvement with the Center on Race Poverty and the Environment is valuable as this is one of CRLA's collaborators. He has also represented public interest organizations in toxic tort litigation matters.

Alejandro Delgado is completing his second two-year term on the CRLA Board. Through his practice with the law firm of Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld, he has gained experience in wage-hour claims, and workplace issues related to immigration, harassment and discrimination. These areas of law are important to CRLA's Labor and Employment initiatives. He appears before the National Labor Relations Board and Public Employment Relations Board. He also served with the East Bay Community Law Center advocating for low-income clients on issues including public benefits. Mr. Delgado is qualified to serve on the CRLA Board due to his experience in the above practice areas and his understanding of the low-wage, immigrant communities CRLA serves.

The State Bar Board Book Article 6, Section 4: Legal Services Boards, Diversity Outreach states, "Appointments to Legal Services Boards shall be made so as to ensure diversity among the State Bar's appointees and reasonably reflect the population of the areas served by the program, as provided by 45 C.F.R. section 1607.3(c)." Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Delgado are Latino. Mr. LoPresti is Caucasian.

CRLA is a statewide organization. U.S. Census Bureau data estimates that the percentage of the population in California is 6.5% African American, 1.6% American Indian and Alaska Native, 15.2% Asian, 72.4% Caucasian, and 39.1% Latino. This same data estimates that 50.3% of the state is female.¹ An examination of the diversity of the current CRLA Board reveals that of the representatives appointed by the State Bar, two-thirds are Latino, and one-third is female (Attachment B).

According to the results of a five-year attorney survey conduct in 2017 by the State Bar's Office of Research and Institutional Accountability, the percentage of Latino lawyers in California was about 6% of active attorneys. This survey showed that 40.6% of the attorneys in California were female.²

Although none of the individuals being recommended for reappointment bring the State Bar appointments into greater alignment with the diversity of the State, each of these individuals are uniquely qualified to serve as State Bar appointments to CRLA based on their legal experience, connection to the community, and prior service on the CRLA Board, as detailed above.

Esteban Rodriguez and Tony LoPresti's terms ended on April 30, 2018. CRLA did not seek reappointment of these individuals until recently. In order to maintain the staggered terms of appointment, it is requested that their new term begin upon passage of this resolution and expire on April 30, 2020.

Alejandro Delgado's term will expire on December 31, 2018. His reappointment term should commence on January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

RULE AMENDMENTS

None

BOARD BOOK AMENDMENTS

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/ca>

² <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/reports/ORIA/Survey-2017.pdf>

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal: 4. Support access to justice for all California residents and improvements to the state's justice system.

Objective: None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board Executive Committee and Board of Trustees approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointments of Esteban Rodriguez, Anthony LoPresti and Alejandro Delgado to the California Rural Legal Assistance Board of Directors each for a two-year term and eligible for reappointment; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms for Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. LoPresti shall commence upon passage of this resolution and expire on April 30, 2020 or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier. The term for Mr. Delgado shall commence on January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020 or until further order of the Board, whichever occurs earlier.

ATTACHMENTS LIST

- A.** Letter of Recommendation from California Rural Legal Assistance
- B.** Demographics of CRLA Board of Directors
- C.** Resume for Alejandro Delgado; Resume for Esteban Rodriguez; Resume for Anthony LoPresti



CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE. INC.

October 22, 2018

Rodney Low
Office of Legal Services
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Re: 2018 State Bar Appointments to CRLA Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Low:

The CRLA Board of Directors met on October 20 and recommends the following three members- Esteban Rodriguez, Tony Lo Presti and Alejandro Delgado- for the current State Bar representative terms expiring in 2018. I have summarized the reasons for the recommendations below. We are also providing Board membership demographics as of October, 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Esteban Rodriguez

Attorney Rodriguez has been supporting CRLA's advocacy in the Los Angeles area since he was initially appointed in May 2016. Since then, he has been a member of the CRLA's Los Angeles Event Committee held annually at the home of Gloria Allred partners Dolores Leal and Tomas Olmos. It is extremely important for CRLA Board members to know the client community served by CRLA. From a personal standpoint, Esteban understands the farm worker and immigrant client community we serve since his grandfathers toiled in the fields here in California or in Mexico. Finally, he has been key in obtaining financial support from the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers since joining the Board. Finally, Mr. Rodriguez was a legal intern at Legal Aid Society of Orange County which, like CRLA, is funded by the Federal Government (Legal Services Corporation/ LSC). Knowing how the Federal Government interfaces with legal aid is important when making Board decisions.

Tony LoPresti

Mr. LoPresti served a previous Board 2-year term beginning May 2016. Two important reasons for his appointment come from his rural knowledge of our work. First, his direct work in the San Joaquin Valley, where CRLA has (6) regional



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offices, gives him a unique perspective to understand the rural communities we serve as well as the expansive geography covered by our service region. Second, his knowledge of CRLA collaborators (e.g. Center on Race Poverty and the Environment) as well as knowledge of a significant priority-unincorporated poverty-- - will allow him to make important resource and priority decisions in his Board role.

Alejandro Delgado

Mr. Delgado became a State Bar representative in March 2014; this would be his third 2-year term on the Board. He is being recommended because of the nature of his law practice with Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld and his background dealing with low-income communities, important to CRLA. Unlike most legal aid programs, CRLA has a large Employment Law practice. With Weinberg, Alejandro has developed legal experience in wage-hour claims, work place issues related to immigration, harassment and discrimination advocacy- all important to CRLA's Labor and Employment priority. Prior to becoming a lawyer Alejandro worked with the Employment Law Center with whom CRLA has co-counseled on employment cases. Finally, while at the East Bay Community Law Center he advocated for low-income clients on issues related to Public Benefits such as welfare and food stamps. As Board members make Budget and program decisions related to CRLA legal services, it is important to have Board members like Mr. Delgado who fully understand CRLA practice areas such as these and the low-wage, immigrant communities CRLA is obligated to serve.

If you have any questions please call me or Monica Baumann, Board Secretary/Administrator. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jose R. Padilla, Executive Director
California Rural Legal Assistance Inc.

Attachment B: Demographics of CRLA Board of Directors

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE INC. Board Member Demographics

| | State Bar Attorneys | County Bar Attorneys | Clients | Other | Total |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Male | 6 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 30 |
| Female | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| Total | 8 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 45 |
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| Caucasian | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| Hispanic | 4 | 7 | 14 | 5 | 30 |
| Black | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Asian | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Native American | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 45 |

**Attachment C: Resume for Alejandro Delgado; Resume for Esteban Rodriguez;
Resume for Anthony LoPresti**

Alejandro Delgado

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. Candidate, 2014

Honors: Berkeley Law Foundation Phoenix Fellow

Activities: *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law* (Speakers Co-Editor); *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal* (Articles Editor); National Lawyers Guild (Labor and Employment Committee Member); La Raza Students Association (Recruitment Co-chair); UAW 2865 (Member)

YALE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

M.Phil, History, 2010

M.A., History, 2009

Honors: Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship; Richard J. Franke Fellowship (for academic excellence)

Activities: Graduate Employees and Students Organization Steering Committee; Organization of American Historians

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

B.A., *summa cum laude*, History and Latin American Studies, 2004

Honors: Award for Excellence in History (award for top student); OAS Award for Excellence in Latin American Studies (award for top student); History Honors Award (distinguished thesis); Alumni Memorial Scholarship Award (full scholarship)

Activities: Latin American Student Organization (President); Student Admissions Committee on Diversity (Chair); La Casa (RA)

Study Abroad: Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santiago, Dominican Republic (Spring 2003); Colgate Extended Study, Patzcuaro, Mexico (Winter 2002)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow, Summer 2003

EXPERIENCE

WEINBERG, ROGER & ROSENFELD, PC, Alameda, CA

Associate Attorney (former Law Clerk)

May 2013 – Present

Litigate claims involving wage and hour claims, anti-discrimination laws, and other labor and employment matters. Prepare and present cases before the National Labor Relations Board, Public Employment Relations Board, and labor and employment arbitrations. Bargain and assist unions in enforcing collective bargaining agreements. Advise and provide trainings to union and labor organizations on various labor and employment topics, including wage and hour law, workplace immigration issues, and harassment and discrimination. Drafted opposition that defeated employer's motion for summary judgment against union and janitor's claims under the Displaced Janitor Opportunity and Displaced Worker Protect Acts. Assisted in taking depositions, developing legal strategies, and drafting memoranda of points and authorities for motion to compel class certification in two wage and hour class actions that led to significant settlements for veterans and immigrant workers. Drafted brief submitted to NLRB administrative law judge challenging the results of a recent union election that resulted in change in NLRB case law (Purple Communications). Provided legal support to campaign organizing fast food workers and conducted intakes of immigrant workers. Performed legal research and drafted memoranda on a union's use of a corporate trademark in its campaign videos, wage and overtime provisions under the FLSA, language discrimination claims under FEHA, and pro rata vacation pay and compensation for split shifts. Assisted in bargaining session addressing reclassification of union jobs and in trainings for long-term care workers and truck drivers on organizing strategies and grievance procedures.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – EMPLOYMENT LAW CENTER, San Francisco, CA

Law Clerk, National Origins, Immigration, & Language Rights Project

August 2013 – December 2013

Researched and drafted legal memoranda on national origins, immigration, and language employment discrimination claims for immigrant workers. Conducted extensive research and assisted attorneys in developing litigation strategies on naturalized U.S. citizen's state equal protection claim for discrimination on the basis of prior immigration status and hostile work environment claim based on national origins discrimination for restaurant workers. Reviewed and analyzed DHS documents and correspondence for FOIA appeal by I-9 Working Group seeking to challenge silent raids conducted by ICE. Represented and secured \$6,500 settlement for immigrant truck driver in administrative hearing for wage and hour claim before the California Labor Commissioner. Conducted intake and provided direct services for immigrant workers. Observed settlement conference at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and oral argument at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, San Francisco, CA

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon

January 2013 – May 2013

Drafted bench memorandum for a complex immigration asylum case. Performed legal research and drafted memoranda on a Foreign Service Immunities Act case involving the commercial activity exception, the applicability of the relevant statute of limitations in a Native

American land claim case, and the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines in two securities fraud cases. Edited and cite-checked opinions, memorandum dispositions, and bench memos, and observed court proceedings.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER WELFARE LAW AND POLICY CLINIC, Berkeley, CA

Law Clerk

August 2012 – December 2012

Interviewed and counseled low-income clients on a broad range of issues related to welfare, medical, and food stamp benefits. Represented clients at administrative hearings. Performed legal research and drafted position statements, declarations, and memoranda. Negotiated with Alameda County Social Services Agency to improve clients' access to welfare aid. Served as the Clinic's representative in strategy sessions of working group of legal advocates focused on improving disabled clients' access to welfare benefits. Attended weekly unit meetings and training sessions on interviewing clients, negotiations, and direct- and cross-examination. Performed telephone intake.

ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA

Legal Intern, Immigrant Rights

May 2012 – August 2012

Researched and drafted memoranda on constitutional issues related to the mass detention of immigrants by federal and local law enforcement officials. Conducted extensive research on recent case law developments in connection with legal remedies available to transgender immigrants and the right to counsel in immigration proceedings of immigrants with mental disabilities. Collected data on conditions in local jails and detention centers. Attended negotiation and litigation strategy sessions with staff attorneys. Assisted in interviewing clients. Observed oral arguments at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California Supreme Court. Performed telephone intake.

WORKERS' RIGHTS CLINIC, Berkeley, CA

Legal Counselor

September 2011 – May 2012

Interviewed and counseled low-income clients regarding wage claims, workplace discrimination, and other employment issues. Researched employment law and consulted with supervising attorneys to identify legal issues and determine viable remedies for clients. Represented and secured \$3,000 in unpaid wages, overtime, and waiting time penalties for a Latina worker at an administrative hearing before the California Labor Commissioner.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY CLINIC, Berkeley, CA

Clinic Participant

September 2011 – December 2011

Worked with Accountability Counsel (San Francisco). Conducted research for a resource guide to help communities affected by international development projects file formal complaints regarding human rights and environmental abuses with the accountability mechanisms of international financial institutions.

FOSTERQUAN, LLP, Austin, TX

Legal Assistant

July 2010 – July 2011

Prepared and filed nonimmigrant and immigrant visa petitions with U.S. Customs and Immigration Service and waivers of inadmissibility with the U.S. State Department. Researched occupational visa requirements and drafted statements in support for employment-based visa applications. Interviewed and counseled clients.

WORKERS DEFENSE PROJECT, Austin, TX

Workers' Rights Advocate

August 2009 – July 2011

Worked with undocumented construction workers to file employment discrimination and wage claims against employers with the Texas Workforce Commission. Negotiated with employers for repayment of wages. Participated in actions and protests at construction sites to pressure employers to pay workers' wages. Filed wage-theft claims with the Austin Police Department. Performed intake and created and maintained case files.

AUSTIN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION, Austin, TX

Policy Committee Member

January 2010 – July 2011

Attended weekly committee meetings and helped plan 2011 May Day march and other local immigration-related events, including a state immigration conference calling for more just local, state, and national policies that contribute to improving the lives of immigrants.

YALE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT, New Haven, CT

Teaching Assistant

September 2008 – May 2009

Collaborated in the design and evaluation of semester assignments and led weekly seminar-style discussion sections for two history courses, "Mexican Americans and the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands since 1848" and "African American History: From Emancipation to Present."

JUNTA FOR PROGRESSIVE ACTION, New Haven, CT

Volunteer

June 2007

Worked with JUNTA for Progressive Action, Unidad Latina en Acción, and the Yale Law School Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic to collect and translate declarations for thirty-two undocumented New Haven families who were raided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

UNITE-HERE GRADUATE EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS ORGANIZATION, New Haven, CT

Steering Committee Member and Equal Rights and Access Committee (ERAC) Co-Chair

September 2006 – August 2009

Organized graduate students and workers at Yale University around contingent job classifications, access to healthcare, and other workplace issues. Organized hotel workers at two Sheraton hotels in Philadelphia as part of the nation-wide Hotel Workers Rising campaign (Summer 2007). As ERAC Co-chair (September 2007 – December 2008), led the design and initial stages of a forthcoming report on the impact of contingent job classifications on the academic and non-academic workforce at Yale. Coordinated weekly committee meetings and the collection of more than 100 interviews from graduate and professional students, undergraduates, workers, staff members, and local leaders in the Yale and New Haven communities.

TEACH FOR AMERICA, Brownsville, TX

AP World History Teacher, James Pace High School

August 2004 – August 2006

Established the first AP World History course in the school district. Designed weekly lesson plans and assignments, lectured, and led classroom discussions. Ninety-seven percent passing rate on the state-mandated TAKS World History Test.

AFFILIATIONS

National Lawyers Guild Labor and Employment Committee (Member)

Berkeley Law Foundation Board (Member)

PRESENTATIONS

"The U.S.-Mexico Border and Mexican Migration to the United States, 1880-2010." Guest Lecture in "Mexico from the Nineteenth Century to the Present." Yale University, 6 April 2010.

"The Bracero Program, the Cold War, and Mexican Removal, 1942-1964." Guest Lecture in "Mexicans, Mexican Americans and the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands since 1848." Yale University, 12 November 2008.

"Making 'Wetback Nationals': Mexican Laborers, Unsanctioned Migration, and Binational Maritime Deportation." Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Pasadena, CA, 7 August 2008.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Enjoy reading histories of labor and civil rights struggles, playing soccer and rooting for the FC Barcelona, and watching films by Spike Lee, Pedro Almodóvar, Guillermo del Toro, Alfonso Cuarón, Alejandro González Iñárritu, and the Coen Brothers.

Esteban Rodriguez

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EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, J.D., 2009

Activities: Co-President, Stanford Latino Law Student Association; Student Coordinator, Domestic Violence Immigration Advice Project; Student Coordinator, Stanford Law Language Bank; Volunteer, Community Legal Services Clinic; Volunteer, Cultivating Opportunity and Access for College Hopefuls.

Journal: Senior Editor, *Stanford Law & Policy Review*.

University of California, Irvine, B.A., *cum laude*, Criminology, Law and Society, 2006

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship recipient, 2006; Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Scholarship recipient, 2006.

EXPERIENCE

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Counsel

December 2009 – Present

- Represent a variety of clients including those that operate in the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, consumer products, and entertainment industries in large-scale complex commercial litigation matters, including class action and mass tort cases.
- Substantial experience writing briefs and motions at all stages of litigation from pretrial dispositive motions to dismiss to appellate briefs.
- Represent pro bono clients in immigration-related matters, including U-Visa and asylum petitions.

Criminal Defense Clinic, Mills Legal Clinic of Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA

Student Intern

August 2008 – December 2008

- Represented inmates convicted and sentenced under California's "Three Strikes" law in state and federal post-conviction habeas corpus proceedings.
- Drafted and argued motions for a sentencing hearing in a California state court on behalf of a defendant facing a life sentence.
- Researched case law interpreting the discretionary sentencing provisions under California's "Three Strikes" law and conducted factual investigations to support court pleadings.

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Associate

May 2008 – July 2008

- Researched and drafted internal memoranda examining a variety of white collar crime issues, including government misconduct, extradition, and international law.
- Researched and drafted a portion of a demurrer to a false advertising claim under California law.

Jones Day, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Associate

May 2007 – August 2007

- Drafted portions of motions and pleadings, including a summary judgment motion in an employment law case and a complaint to quiet title in a pro bono case.
- Researched and drafted internal and client memoranda in a variety of practice areas, including labor and employment, products liability, toxic tort litigation, and white collar.

Legal Aid Society of Orange County, Anaheim, CA

April 2006 – June 2006

Legal Intern

- Drafted case summary reports related to landlord-tenant disputes, child custody issues, and domestic violence restraining orders.
- Prepared court applications for clients regarding divorces, guardianship issues, and fee waivers.
- Translated for attorneys during interviews and intakes with Spanish-speaking clients.

Garden Grove Police Department, Garden Grove, CA

March 2002 – May 2006

Community Service Officer, Police Cadet

- Drafted various types of crime reports, including burglary, identity theft, assault, and domestic violence.
- Interviewed victims and witnesses for police reports and translated for police officers and investigators.
- Earned various awards, including a "Commitment to Service Award" and "Class A Commendation."

University of California, Irvine, Criminology Outreach Program, Irvine, CA

January 2003 – June 2006

Program Coordinator / Student Mentor

- Coordinated and supervised student mentorship program at several Orange County high schools and intermediate schools aimed at encouraging students in low-income neighborhoods to attend college.
- Planned and prepared activities and discussions regarding college applications, college life, and law.

OTHER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., Event Planning Committee Member (2013-present).
- Admitted to the State Bar of California.
- Admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Ninth Circuits and the U.S. District Courts for the Central and Southern Districts of California.
- Fluent in Spanish.

TONY LOPRESTI

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Altshuler Berzon LLP

Sept. 2014–Present

Associate (Sept. 2016–Present); *Altshuler Berzon / NRDC Litigation Fellow* (Aug 2014–Aug 2016); Practice labor, employment, and environmental law: draft pleadings and briefing; conduct legal research and discovery; draft legislation at the local and state level; draft administrative comments; provide legal and strategic support for client advocacy campaigns.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Sept. 2013–Sept. 2014

Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard A. Paez

Conducted legal research; drafted bench memoranda; assisted in drafting orders and opinions.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Aug. 2012–Aug. 2013

Law Clerk to the Hon. Roger L. Gregory

Conducted legal research; drafted bench memoranda; assisted in drafting orders and opinions.

Sustainable Economies Law Center

Summer 2011

Summer Law Clerk

Organized legal clinic supporting Hmong farmers and workers in Central Valley; drafted memorandum examining the application of federal labor law to consumer cooperative interns.

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment

Summer 2010

Summer Law Clerk

Conducted policy research on improved regulation of air emissions from dairies; assisted in CEQA case briefing; drafted letter to EPA regarding its failure to act on Title VI complaint.

Environmental Health Coalition

Feb. 2005–June 2009

Campaign Director (2008-09) / *Policy Advocate* (2005-08)

Coordinated comprehensive organizing and advocacy campaigns to win progressive environmental justice policies in immigrant communities in the San Diego/Tijuana border region; directed Land Use, Clean Ports, and Toxic Free Neighborhoods campaigns; coordinated leadership development program.

Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community

Mar. 2002–Jan. 2005

Research Associate (2003-05) / *Research Assistant* (2002-03)

Worked with community-based organizations (“CBOs”) to develop policy responses to global trade agreements; drafted report on public participation practices in environmental justice communities for the California Integrated Waste Management Board; developed popular education curriculum for CBOs.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)

Aug. 2009–May 2012

J.D., *Order of the Coif*

Article: *Reclaiming the Authentic Future: The Role of Redevelopment in Unincorporated California* [awarded 2011 Smith-Babcock-Williams National Writing Prize]

Honors: Six American Jurisprudence Awards
Distinguished Oralist Award, Jessup Moot Court Competition, Pacific Super-Regionals (2011)
Best Oralist Award in Written and Oral Advocacy (2010)

Awards: Eleanor Swift Award for Public Service at Boalt (2012)
Sandals Fellowship for Environmental Leadership (2011)
Coblentz Land Use Scholarship (2011)

Activities: Students for Economic & Environmental Justice, *Coordinator* (2010–12)
Campus Rights Project, *Student Protester Representative* (2010)

Community Legal Outreach, Housing Division, *Volunteer* (2009)

University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A., with *Highest Honors in the Major*, Latin American Latino Studies

Sept. 2001–June 2003

University of San Diego

Scholar Athlete of the Year—Baseball Team (1997)

Sept. 1996–Dec. 1998

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

SCHOLARLY WORK

Realizing the Promise of Environmental Civil Rights: The Renewed Effort to Enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 65 ADMIN. L. REV. 757 (2013).

Empowered Partnerships: Participatory Action Research for Environmental Justice, with Chris Bacon, Mary Louise Frampton, Saneta de Vuono Powell & Camille Pannu, 6 ENVTL. JUSTICE 1 (Feb. 2013).

Reclaiming the Authentic Future: The Role of Redevelopment in Unincorporated California, 44 URB. LAW. 135 (2012).

¡Sí Se Puede! Using Participatory Research to Promote Environmental Justice in a Latino Community in San Diego, CA, with Meredith Minkler, Analilia Garcia, Jane Lilly & Joy Williams, 87 J. OF URB. HEALTH 796 (Sept. 2010).

The Color in Miami: Building Grassroots Leadership of Color in the U.S. Global Justice Movement, with Manuel Pastor, 3 CRIT. SOCIOLOGY 795 (2007).

POPULAR PRESS

Community Planning for Power: A Case Study, with Diane Takvorian et al., RACE, POVERTY & THE ENVT. (2008) (article).

National City Redevelopment: Who Really Benefits?, with Diane Takvorian, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB., Mar. 9, 2006 (opinion editorial).

Thinking Locally: How Community Organizers are Connecting the Global-Local Dots, with Manuel Pastor, RACE, POVERTY & THE ENVT. (2004) (article).

Mobilizing Miami, with Manuel Pastor, THENATION.COM, Nov. 13, 2003 (article).

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), *Board Member*

May 2016- Present

City Heights Community Development Corporation, *Board Member*

June 2005–July 2009

City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee, *Vice Chair / Member*

June 2007–July 2009

San Diego Community Land Trust, *Board Member*

June 2008–June 2009

LANGUAGES, BAR ADMISSIONS, AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Languages: Fluent in Spanish

Bar Admissions: State of California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

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