**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Gasparian Spivey Immigration: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Feb. 2018 – Present*

***Associate Attorney***

* + - Provide comprehensive immigration legal services to institutional, corporate, and individual clients throughout the U.S. and abroad. Practice areas include business and academic immigration as well as family-based immigration, federal appellate practice, asylum and removal.

**Ware Immigration Law Firm: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Mar. 2013 – July 2018*

***Immigration Attorney (Nov. 2017 – July 2018)***

***Immigration Paralegal (Mar. 2013 – Nov. 2017)***

* + - Prepared and submitted applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), and National Visa Center (NVC), including:
      * Family-based and employment-based petitions, applications for lawful permanent residence and naturalization/citizenship, stateside and consular waiver packets, immigration relief for juveniles and victims of violence, applications for political asylum, National Interest Waivers
    - Assisted attorneys in representing clients in removal proceedings at EOIR and USCIS
    - Managed a caseload of over 90 English- and Spanish-speaking clients
    - Researched immigration law and policy

**USCIS Asylum Sub-Office: Metairie, Louisiana** *Mar. 2016 – Apr. 2016*

***Student Extern***

* + - Observed eight asylum interviews
    - Observed two credible fear interviews
    - Wrote twenty assessments to assist in adjudications of asylum applicants
    - Reviewed files for national security concerns
    - Conducted legal research and country conditions research to assist in adjudication
    - Received training on: particular social group, nexus, unaccompanied minors / children’s claims, Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program (CARRP), Background Check and Adjudicative Assessment (BCAA), TECS / national security

**Global Visas: Cape Town, South Africa** *Sept. 2010 - Mar. 2012*

***Senior Immigration Account Manager***

* + - Represented and advised clients on visa applications, including:
      * + USA immigrant & non-immigrant visas: K-1 fiancé, K-3 spousal, Immediate Relative, B1 in lieu of H1-B, P-1/P-2 performing athletes and artists, L-1 intra-company transfer
        + Canada immigrant & non-immigrant visas
    - Researched immigration law and policy
    - Supervised a team of immigration consultants: oversaw visa submissions, advised on client relationships, motivated and assisted in achieving monthly goals

**People Against Suffering, Oppression & Poverty: Cape Town, South Africa** *Feb. 2010 - Aug. 2010*

***Senior Intern***

* + Monitored refugee camps and advocated for reintegration of Zimbabwean refugees into South African communities
  + Supervised interns and volunteers
  + Organized within the community to promote social and political awareness

**National Immigrant Justice Center: Chicago, Illinois** *Oct. 2007 - Dec. 2009*

***Paralegal / Board of Immigration Appeals Fully Accredited Representative for***

***Immigrant Legal Defense Project and Children’s Protection Project***

* + Represented over 100 individuals in immigration court hearings and in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services interviews
  + Conducted initial intake consultations to assess eligibility for immigration relief
  + Prepared and submitted applications to USCIS, EOIR, and NVC, including family-based immigration, waivers, lawful permanent residence, naturalization/citizenship, Temporary Protected Status, political asylum, and relief for juveniles and victims of violence
  + Advised *pro bono* attorneys on Special Immigrant Juvenile and political asylum cases
  + Presented *Know Your Rights* seminars to detained immigrant minors

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Admitted to Illinois Bar, November 2017

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**New Orleans Bar Association** *January 2022 – Present*

* + Vice-chair of NOBA’s Immigration Law Committee

**Pro Bono for Juveniles / Gasparian Immigration: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Fall 2014 – Fall 2016*

* + Assist with outreach, advertising, preparing Continuing Legal Education, communicating with volunteer attorneys
  + Provide ongoing assistance with *pro bono* cases through Gasparian Immigration, including U-visa and T-visa relief

**Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2015*

* + Immigration legal clinic volunteer. Periodically assist with interpreting and assessing eligibility for immigration relief.

**Workers’ Center for Racial Justice: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Summer 2014*

* + Assisted with legal research, preparing affidavits, and drafting cover letter for a trafficking-related U-visa Request For Evidence response
  + Volunteered 50 *pro bono* hours

**EDUCATION AND HONORS**

**Loyola University New Orleans College of Law: New Orleans, Louisiana** *Aug. 2013 – May 2017*

* Juris Doctor, graduated *Cum Laude*
* Certificate in Immigration & Citizenship Law & Practice
* Managing Editor, Journal of Public Interest Law, 2015-2016
* Student Bar Association representative, 2013-2017
* Highest Grade: Seminar in Scholarly Writing, Spring 2015
* Highest Grade: State & Local Government Law, Fall 2016

**University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, Michigan** *Sept. 2000 - May 2004*

* B.A. in Spanish and Comparative Literature
* Member, University Honors Program
* Member, Delta Epsilon Iota National Honor Society

**Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Santiago, Chile** *July 2002 - Dec. 2002*

* Field of study: Latin American Literature and History

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Spanish**: Fluent

**German:** Conversational