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EXPERIENCE

Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C., Chicago, IL

Associate Attorney, November 2024-Present

- Prepare different types of immigration filings in employment-based, family-based, and humanitarian contexts and categories. Including but not limited to EB-1A, EB-2 National Interest Waiver, EB-3 PERM, I-130 family-based petitions, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.
- Prepare cases for Naturalization, including assisting in preparation of the Naturalization Civics Exam and English Exam.
- Prepare different types of nonimmigrant visas in the employment and education context, such as H-3, F-1, H-1B, O-1A, and P-3.
- Argue cases in immigration court, such as asylum, cancellation of removal, special immigrant juvenile status, and withholding of removal.
- Write complex legal arguments for different types of immigration waivers.
- Work with a wide range of clients, including corporations, families, and refugees, in a fast-paced, ever-changing legal environment.
- Create training modules for new attorneys and new paralegals.
- Lead a team of six paralegals, ensuring a balanced workload and achievable deadlines for all of them.

Law Clerk, May 2024-November 2024

- Prepared different types of immigration filings in employment-based, family-based, and humanitarian contexts and categories.
- Wrote complex legal arguments for different types of immigration waivers.
- Wrote complex legal arguments for different types of nonimmigrant and immigrant visas in the employment-based immigration context, such as EB-1A, EB-2 National Interest Waivers.

Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, Chicago, IL

Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2024 and Fall 2025 Semester

- Taught the first-year law student required course Professional Identity Formation (“PIF”), offered every fall. Subjects included “Introduction to the Legal System,” “Self-Identity and Bias,” “Cultural Humility and Microaggression,” “Civility, Power, and Privilege,” and “The Toolbox - Putting the PIF Topics Together.”
- Worked with a team of co-faculty and student teaching assistants.
- Graded 20 student papers a week, enhancing written reviewing skills.

Law Offices of Robert D. Ahlgren and Associates, P.C., Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, July 2023-May 2024

- Wrote complex legal arguments to show extreme and unusual hardship towards a qualifying relative in the context of I-601A provisional waivers, I-601 waivers, and I-212 waivers for a variety of inadmissible offenses, such as fraud, smuggling, and unlawful presence.
- Drafted nonimmigrant visas with strict timelines, such as U-Visas.
- Worked on research memoranda for complex immigration issues, such as the removability and admissibility of crime, and membership of particular social groups for asylum.
- Translated key documents from Spanish to English for purposes of USCIS filings.

Center for Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, Chicago, IL

Student Research Assistant - “Kids in Care” Project, September 2023-December 2023

- Under Professor Sarah Diaz, worked on a research project for publication focusing on children in custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, specifically the conditions of care in ORR shelters.

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy, LLP, Chicago, IL

Summer Associate, May 2023-July 2023

- Worked with clients on filling out petitions, such as H-1B, L-1, and J-1 visas.
- Wrote complex drafting petitions, such as H-1B requests for evidence, O-1 visas, and J-1 Waivers.
- Communicated with clients in Spanish regarding the TN Visa application process.

- Assisted with all types of clients, ranging from Fortune 500 corporation clients to small business clients, balancing a fast-paced workload.

The Resurrection Project, Chicago, IL

Intake Volunteer and Legal Intern, May 2022-June 2023. Still Volunteer on a per-need basis.

- Worked with clients on filling out necessary documents for their DACA cases, such as I-281D and I-765.
- Compiled necessary documents and case files in cases including Naturalizations, DACA, and Adjustments of Status.
- Translated legal documents from English to Spanish for clients and communicated the important aspects of the documents to the clients.
- Tutored clients for the citizenship test and practiced English.

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, May 2024

- Dean's List - Spring 2023 and Fall 2023
- Estate planning - Spring 2024. In this course, we drafted Simple Wills, Simple Trusts, Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts, Family and Marital Trusts, QTIP Trusts, Generational Skipping Transfer Trusts, and other key estate planning documents for hypothetical clients. Received an A in the course.
- Loyola Immigration Practicum and ProBAR trip to Harlingen, Texas, and Port Isabel Detention Center - Spring 2023 and Teacher's Assistant for the program Spring 2024.
- Rapid Response Refugee Clinic - Fall 2023.
- Professional Identity Formation (PIF) Teacher's Assistant (Fall 2022 and Fall 2023).
- Decalouge Society - Jewish Law Student Association.
- OUTlaw - LGBTQ+ Law Student Association - Student Mentor.
- Immigrant Rights Coalition.

University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Spanish, May 2021

- Order of Omega Honors Society
- Office of Student Conduct, University Student Judiciary: Community Advocate - Represented the University in cases of student academic and behavioral misconduct
- University of Maryland, Tour Guide

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Long Island Ending The Epidemic Regional Steering Committee Meeting - March 2025 - *Know Your Rights in the Workplace, and Protecting Patient Confidential Immigration Information.*

Queens Ending The Epidemic Regional Steering Committee Meeting - February 2025 - *Know Your Rights in the Workplace, and Protecting Patient Confidential Immigration Information.*

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP

American Immigration Lawyer Association - General member since 2024, Student member since 2022. Member of the Business Immigration Section, Global Migration Section, Immigration Litigation Section, and Chicago Chapter Section.

Chicago Bar Association - General member since 2024.

American Bar Association Pro Bono Champion - Awarded in 2024 for pro bono immigration work on the Mexican American Border near Harlingen, Texas with ProBAR.

PUBLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

Teen Vogue. Bhutani, Anvee, “How International Students Are Navigating Immigration Troubles Under the Trump Administration.” Published April 29, 2025. Retrievable at

<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/international-students-legal-threat-trump-administration>

- Interviewed by Ms. Bhutani for Teen Vogue due to expertise on F-1 International Student Visa issues.
- The article covered how international students are being affected by changing immigration policy, and how international students may protect themselves from the changing policies.

ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Supreme Court of Illinois - November 2024, with a UBE and MPRE score high enough to transfer to any UBE jurisdiction.

Admitted to the Northern District of Illinois - April 2026

LANGUAGES: Fluent in Spanish.