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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Attorney and Researcher, 01/2014- 06/2015. 01/2016-Present | Milan, Italy

Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti

- Researched international, European, and domestic law to craft arguments for use in litigation.
- Collaborated in the drafting of U.S. District Court and Circuit Court *amicus* briefs.
- Edited litigation and advocacy documents for structure and content.
- Represented *amici curiae* at oral argument before the U.S. District Court.

Clemency Resource Center, NYU School of Law

- Conducted initial screens of applicants for clemency in United States federal prison system.

Earthjustice

- Researched U.S. environmental and administrative law related to ongoing and prospective litigation.
- Created strategic overview for potential litigation.

Right to Development Intern, 07/2015-12/2015 | ***United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights***, Geneva, Switzerland

- Conducted research on the right to development and related topics, including the linkages between human rights and investment, trade, climate change, and corruption.
- Drafted public information and outreach materials and project proposals, including series of information notes covering the right to development and sustainable development, migration, children and youth, international cooperation, and taxation.
- Assisted in the organization and management of meetings, consultations, and panel discussions.
- Built knowledge of and institutional relationships with right to development stakeholders.
- Supported advocacy and media campaigns around the COP21 Climate Conference.
- Provided research and organizational support for Human Rights Impact Assessment of proposed African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

Assistant Attorney General, 09/2012-12/2013 | **Volunteer Assistant Attorney General**, 05/2012-09/2012 | ***Civil Rights Bureau, New York State Office of the Attorney General***, New York, New York

- Investigated and prosecuted alleged patterns of unlawful discrimination in numerous issue areas including employment, reproductive access, disability, voting rights, and immigration.
- Researched and wrote subpoenas and legal briefs and conducted subpoena hearings.
- Drafted press releases and speeches and represented bureau at public events.
- Led initiative to encourage county boards of elections around New York to institute language access programs for Spanish-speaking voters and ran election-day voter hotline.
- Assisted in drafting of Supreme Court *amicus* briefs on key issues related to reproductive rights, voting rights, and fair housing.
- Received Office's Lefkowitz Service Award for work on report analyzing New York City's stop-and-frisk program.
- Hired and supervised law student, undergraduate, and high school interns.

Volunteer Housing Attorney, 10/2011-05/2012 | *National Economic and Social Rights Initiative*, New York, New York

- Drafted advocacy and media documents related to housing rights.
- Researched and documented best practices related to human rights conscious alternative structures of land ownership.
- Analyzed proposed federal legislation for human rights compliance.
- Created and maintained database of potential partner organizations.
- Structured multi-NGO grassroots-led housing rights campaign including social media management.

Volunteer Researcher, 10/2011-04/2012 | *Urban Justice Center, Human Rights Project*, New York, New York

- Interviewed domestic advocates regarding experiences of engaging in the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review process.
- Drafted report collecting results of interviews and detailing advocacy strategies and best practices.

Judicial Clerk, 09/2010-09/2011 | *The Honorable Ronald Ellis, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York*

- Managed Judge's docket, ensuring that cases progressed smoothly.
- Researched questions of law related to pretrial motions and discovery disputes.
- Drafted orders and reports and recommendations of dispositive motions.
- Supervised the work of law student interns.

Student Advocate, 08/2009-05/2010 | *International Human Rights Clinic, NYU School of Law*, New York, New York

- Made recommendations, in the form of written report and direct advocacy, to the Nepalese Constituent Assembly on protecting human rights in the new Nepalese Constitution.
- Collaborated with grassroots and NGO partners in South Asia and Europe.
- Crafted strategies for advocacy and outreach.

Summer Associate, 05/2009-07/2009 | *NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund*, New York, New York

- Researched and wrote memoranda and contributed to briefs related to federal trial and appellate litigation in employment discrimination, fair housing, and voting rights cases.
- Contributed to deposition preparation in environmental justice case.
- Collaborated in the writing of a public education booklet on felon disenfranchisement.

Housing and Basic Services Intern, 05/2008-08/2008 | *Centre for Applied Legal Studies*, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Researched and drafted memoranda in preparation for litigation relating to poor persons' rights to water and electricity.
- Planned and coordinated activism related to economic rights litigation.
- Wrote recommendations to South African Judicial Services Commission about judicial misconduct hearing procedures.

English Teaching Assistant, 09/2006-07/2007 | *Public Primary Schools*, St. Leu, Reunion Island, France - Prepared and taught English classes for primary school students.

EDUCATION

Master in International Cooperation and Development, December 2015

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy

- Thesis Project: *Transfer Mispricing as a Human Rights Violation*

Juris Doctor, May 2010

New York University School of Law, New York, New York

- Reiss Scholar (partial tuition award based on academic merit)
- *Review of Law and Social Change*, Submissions Editor

A.B. in International Studies and Law, Letters, and Society, with honors, June 2006

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

- Bachelor's Thesis: *Democratic Moments: Elections and France 2002*
- Dean's List 2002-2006
- Study Abroad: University of Chicago Paris Center, Paris, France, Fall 2004

ONLINE EDUCATION

- The Age of Sustainable Development, Columbia University, September 2014-December 2014, Certificate of Accomplishment with Distinction
- International Organizations Management, University of Geneva, November 2014-December 2014, Certificate of Accomplishment with Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Transfer Mispricing as a Human Rights Violation.”** M. Iyer. (Forthcoming from Northwestern Journal of Human Rights)
- **“Rights Within Reach: Securing Equality and Human Rights in Nepal’s New Constitution.”** M. Iyer, N. Laureano, B. Lindstrom, S. Narula, and Z. Salzman. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice Reports. January 2010. *Available at* <http://chrj.org/documents/rights-within-reach-securing-equality-and-human-rights-in-nepals-new-constitution/>
- **“Transnational Corporations and the Right to Food.”** A. Bloom, C. Duffy, M. Iyer, A. Jacobs-Smith, and L. Moy. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice Reports. May 2009. *Available at* <http://www.chrgj.org/publications/docs/TNCsandRTF.pdf>

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State | United States District Court, Northern District of New York | United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

LANGUAGES

English mother tongue | French – proficient | Italian – intermediate

TECHNOLOGY

MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook | Google Documents, Analytics | Social media campaigning: Facebook, Twitter