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EDUCATION

University of San Francisco School of Law

Juris Doctorate Candidate, 2022

- Faculty Scholar (Academic Full Tuition Scholarship)
- American Bar Association's Judicial Clerkship Program Participant (2020)

California State University, San Bernardino

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 2019

- Dean's List (2016-2019); Outstanding Academic Achievement (2018); Omega Honor Society (2018)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Associated Students Inc.

Director of External Affairs

June 2018 -

June 2019

- Directed campus civic engagement efforts including dissemination of state election and campaign information
- Organized, assessed, and drafted improvements to the Title IV Higher Education Act
- Managed and lead lobby teams for the state and federal legislature related to issues in higher education both on campus and system-wide
- Lead efforts with campus partners to address access to food, housing, mental health and other essential student services

California State Student Association

Board of Directors

June 2018 - May

2019

- Represented the 491,000 students of the California State University system on legislative issues related to higher education
- Served on the California State University Internal Affairs committee to enforce the student ethics, conduct, and honor code and related internal justice issues
- Recommend policy changes to the California State University Board of Directors to ensure greater representation of students of color and students with disabilities
- Served on the Social Justice and Equity committee; Passed resolutions to expand campus accountability for bias training and programs geared toward minority student success
- Voting member of the Board of Directors responsible for appropriating \$2.3 million dollars to programs that promote campus sustainability, graduation initiatives, and mandatory operating costs of the corporation
- Reviewed and drafted improvements to the California Student Aid Commission

Fraternal Government Relations Coalition

Undergraduate Advocate

December 2017 - June

2019

- Coordinated with the law firm of Arnold & Porter (Washington D.C.) as a delegation member advocating the right of association in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act
- Advocated for the addition of provisions in the PROSPER Act to expand university accountability for student safety and wellness

Associated Students Inc.

Lobby Corps, Chair

October 2017 - June

2018

- Advocated for additional state funding that allowed for 5% enrollment growth, of which a majority of newly admitted students were first generation and low-income

- Successfully lobbied the California legislature to appropriate \$15 million to address student homelessness, food insecurity, and lack of access to mental health resources

California State University, San Bernardino
October 2018

November 2016 -

Student Assistant

- Advisor to 150 Student Organizations on budget, grant match, and fiscal responsibility and accountability
- Compiled and analyzed data for budget and statistical research; primarily per pupil spending

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Insomniac - Contract service specialist for concerts and special events

2016 -

Current

Chipotle - Forward facing customer service representative

2015 -

2019

Landmark Property Management - Leasing agent and community customer service representative

2015 -

2017

LEADERSHIP - EXTRACURRICULARS

Organizations

University of San Francisco American Constitution Society; USF Pride Law; USF La Raza; USF Black Law Student Association
 California State University Delta Sigma Phi, President (2017- 2019); CSU Interfraternity Council, President (2019); CSU Law Society, President (2018-2019)

Presentations

- “If They Won’t Make a Space for You, Bring a Chair: A Guide to Student Advocacy.” (2019)
- “Being an Ally to the LGBTQ Community” (2018)
- “Do We Have a Moral Obligation to the Government?” (2018)
- “Voter Engagement, It Starts with You” (2018)

Professional Development

American Bar Association’s Judicial Clerkship Program (2020)
 California Higher Education Student Summit (2018; 2019)
 LEAD - Higher Education Summit (2019)
 Intensive Advocacy Training (2018)

Community-Based Service Projects

Helping Hands Food Pantry

- Prepared 850 meals for individuals and families; collected 1,800 lbs. of food for local community center food pantries

Valley Restart Homeless Center

- Raised \$11,000 through phone banking and an annual summer fundraiser
- Served more than 400 meals to families and singles at the shelter
- Assembled food and hygiene packages to be distributed to homeless individuals in the surrounding community

Dear Colleagues,

As a recent participant in the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program, I had the opportunity to connect with members of the ABA at the annual midyear meeting. I also received firsthand exposure to the programs that the association administers. For many students, the option to attend a midyear or annual meeting is restricted by both time and financial resources. I believe that we can coordinate inter-campus efforts to ensure a greater number of students have access to the numerous opportunities already offered through the association. Connecting ABA representatives at campus' with similar size and community demographics fosters intimate campus relationships while maintaining coordination from a national level. It is a common occurrence to hear "I would have applied if I would have known." The exposure, not expansion, of benefits offered through the American Bar Association would be my primary focus.

At a time where the legal profession is diversifying, it is important to not only ensure that students are attending law school, but also that they are connected to the pipelines and programs that will aid in their professional success. Effective outreach begins with understanding the populations that we are reaching out too and as Vice Chair, I would tailor our efforts to discussing what benefits the ABA provides alongside a survey of the needs and areas of improvement where our support could be most impactful. This includes coordinating with various campus organizations that already have strong ties with their student communities to ensure our message reaches the widest audience.

I am confident that with your help, we can increase the number of student members by promoting accessibility and meeting them where they are. I have three years of experience coordinating with student delegations from over 60 other universities and believe this prior experience would be integral to the Vice Chair position. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working towards are more inclusive ABA.

In solidarity,

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