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EDUCATION

- Northeastern University School of Law
Boston, Massachusetts, J.D. 1975
 - University of Texas School of Law
Summer 1972, 1974-1975
 - University of Texas at Austin
B.A. with Honors, Latin American Studies, 1969
Graduate School, Department of Spanish, Spring-Fall 1970
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE

- State Bar of Texas, May 1975
 - Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, December 1981
 - U.S. Supreme Court
 - U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
 - Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
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EMPLOYMENT

- **Clinical Professor, University of Texas School of Law** **January 1999 - Present**
Director of law school immigration clinic. Teach substantive immigration law and procedure. Supervise students handling deportation, asylum, VAWA (Violence Against Women's Act) and other immigration cases.
- **Hines and Leigh, P.C.** **February 1982 - Present**
Currently of counsel to the firm. Practice is limited solely to immigration and nationality law.
- **Fulbright Scholar/Researcher** **July 2004 - December 2004**
Taught course at the Universidad de Palermo Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina entitled "Current U.S. Immigration Law and Policy." Conducted research on Argentine immigration law. Collaborated with the University of Buenos Aires law school immigration clinic and other non-governmental organizations working on immigration issues.

- **Of counsel to Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project** **June 1994 - December 2000**
Participated as co-counsel in federal litigation on behalf on immigrants and refugees.
- **Fulbright Scholar/Researcher** **June 1996 - December 1996**
Developed immigrant rights project at the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), Buenos Aires, Argentina, researched Argentine immigration law, and lectured on U.S. immigration topics.
- **Co-Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project** **October 1991 - June 1994**
Served as first co-director for immigrants' rights project. Established statewide priorities for litigation, outreach and training. Responsible for litigation on behalf of immigrants and refugees throughout Texas, including INS abuse, constitutional violations, human rights and rights of children in deportation proceedings. Supervised staff attorney, law clerks and paralegal. Developed back-up support and training for attorneys and non-profit immigrant/refugee groups in Texas.
- **Staff Attorney and Managing Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Central Texas** **September 1975 - February 1982**
Handled federal litigation involving immigration, public benefits and child welfare issues. Represented low-income clients in immigration and asylum proceedings, family law and public benefits. Served as managing attorney and supervised five attorneys and two paralegals. Supervised students in University of Texas legal clinics.

AWARDS

- Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, June 2007
- Honored by Political Asylum Project of Austin on its 20th anniversary, May 2007
- University of Texas Law Fellowships/Public Interest Law Association Faculty Award, 2002
- Texas Lawyer, Legal Legends, A Century of Texas Lawyers and Lawyering, 2000
- Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for Excellence in Litigation in the Field of Immigration Law, American Immigration Lawyers Association, June 11, 1992
- Litigation Award, Texas Chapter, American Immigration Lawyers Association, June 15, 1993
- Austin Chronicle, Best of Austin 1993, Best Immigration Lawyer, July 30, 1993

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** **1984 - Present**
National Bar Association comprised of attorneys who specialize in immigration and nationality law. Served on numerous national committees including the AILA INS Enforcement Liaison Committee, the Amicus Brief Committee, Publications Committee, the Asylum Committee and the EOIR liaison committee.

- **National Immigration Project, Board of Directors** **1997 - Present**
An immigrant and refugee membership organization which provides nationwide training, legal seminars and litigation support.
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IMMIGRATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **Member, Steering Committee,** **2006 - Present**
Bernard & Audrey Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice
 - **Board Member, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights** **1994 - 2005**
Under Law of Texas, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
 - **City of Austin Task Force on Immigration Issues** **1998 - 1999**
Member of Legal Issues Subcommittee
 - **Advisory Board Member, Tibetan Resettlement Project of Austin** **1995 - 1998**
Served as a legal resource for a refugee resettlement project. Continued to represent Tibetans refugees on pro bono basis.
 - **Human Rights Documentation Exchange**
Secretary, Board of Directors **1990 - 1998**
President, Board of Directors **1988 - 1990**
Served as Board member and assisted in setting priorities for the national center, which provides documentation for asylum and refugee applications before the INS and the immigration courts.
 - **Advisory Board Member, Texas Immigrant and Refugee Coalition Advisory Board** **1993 - 1997**
Statewide Ford Foundation funded coalition, which provides advocacy, training and networking for immigrants' rights groups in Texas. Participated in priority settings, coordination of statewide conferences, and state and national advocacy.
 - **Co-Founder and Board Member, Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA)** **1990 - 1995**
Assisted PAPA in setting priorities and provided legal support for low-income asylum applicants. Participated in legal training for pro bono volunteer attorneys, developed informational videos for clients regarding asylum and deportation proceedings.
 - **Outside Advisor to Clinton Immigration Transition Team, Washington, D.C.** **December 1992**
Assisted in development of policy and legislative recommendations on all aspects of immigration, and refugee and asylum issues for the incoming Clinton administration.
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SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- **University of Texas Continuing Legal Education,**
Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law:
"Introduction to Removal Defense," San Antonio, Texas, 31st Annual Conference, September 2007
"Introduction to Removal Defense," San Antonio, Texas, 30th Annual Conference, September 2006

“Cancellation of Removal, §212(c) and Waivers,” San Antonio, Texas, 29th Annual Conference, September 2005

“Procedural Challenges in Removal Proceedings,” San Antonio, Texas, 27th Annual Conference, October 2003

“Immigration Basics,” San Antonio, Texas, 26th Annual Conference, October 2002

“Selected Asylum Issues,” Galveston, Texas, 24th Annual Conference, October 2000

“Selected Asylum Issues,” San Antonio, Texas, 23rd Annual Conference, October 1999

“Labor Certification Procedure,” Houston, Texas, 21st Annual Conference, October 1997

“Advanced Naturalization,” Houston, Texas, 19th Annual Conference, September 1995

- **University of Texas Continuing Legal Education,**
Immigration Fundamentals: Removal, Relief and Adjustment

“A Practical Guide to Removal Procedures and Strategies,” presented:

Houston, Texas and Plano, Texas, 5th Annual Conference, April 2007

Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas, 4th Annual Conference, April 2006

Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas, 3rd Annual Conference, April 2005

Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas, 2nd Annual Conference, April 2004

El Paso, Texas, Dallas, Texas and Houston, Texas, 1st Annual Conference, April 2003

- **National Immigration Project, National Lawyers Guild:**

San Diego, California, May 2005, Moderator, “Relief from Removal: §212(c) and LPR Cancellations; and Evidence”

Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2003, “Ethical Issues in Immigration Law;” “Priority Dates and Grandfathering;” Moderator: “Fiancées and Conditional Residents ”

Pasadena, California, October 2002, "Advanced Strategies for Cancellation of Removal"

Tucson, Arizona, October 2001, "Grandfathering, §245(i) and Priority Date Issues"

Detroit, Michigan, October 1998, “Advanced Issues in Family Immigration”

San Diego, California, April 1998, “Priority Dates and §245(i) Issues”

Tucson, Arizona, March 1997, “Adjustment of Status, 245(i)”

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference:**

San Antonio, Texas, 2006, “Relief from Removal: Does it Currently Exist?”

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2004, “Responses to Federal and Local Enforcement”

San Francisco, California, 2000, "Crimes of Moral Turpitude"

Seattle, Washington, 1999, “Affidavits of Support”

Houston, Texas, 1998, “Affidavits of Support”

Orlando, Florida, 1997, “Asylum Law”

Atlanta, Georgia, 1995, “Issues in Federal Litigation” and was a Member of Conference Planning Committee

San Francisco, California, 1994, “Stays of Deportation for Aggravated Felons” and “Criminal Alien Issues”

Toronto, Canada, 1993, “Changed Country Conditions in Asylum Law” and “Litigation Roundtable”

Washington, D.C., 1992, “Asylum and Withholding of Deportation” and “American Baptist Church v. Thornburgh”

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference**

Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2003, “Deportability and Inadmissibility Issues Related to Drugs and Firearms”

- **Other**

University of Texas School of Law and Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Austin, Texas, February 2005, Working Borders: Linking Debates about Insourcing and Outsourcing of Capital and Labor Conference, “Insourcing” panel presentation.

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- *Working Borders: Linking Debates about Insourcing and Outsourcing of Capital and Labor, Roundtable I; Insourcing Presentations*, Texas International Law Journal, Vol. 40, No. 4 (Summer 2005).
- *Fifth Circuit Survey: Immigration Law*, Texas Tech Law Review, Vol. 35, Issue 3 (Spring 2004).
- *Basics of Immigration Law for Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (2003).
- *So Near Yet So Far Away: The Effect of September 11th on Mexican Immigrants in the United States*, Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy, Vol. 8, No.1 (Spring 2002).
- *An Overview of Argentine Immigration*, Indiana International and Comparative Law Review, Vol. 9, No. 2 (1999).

- *Responses to Federal and State Enforcement*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Handbook, Vol. II (2003-2004).
- *Selected Issues Relating to Crimes of Moral Turpitude*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Handbook, Vol. II (2000-2001).
- *New Affidavit of Support*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1998-1999).
- *Asylum and Withholding of Removal, Practice Under IIRAIRA: One Year Later*, American Immigration Lawyers Association (1998-1999).
- *Asylum and Withholding of Removal*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. II (1997-1998).
- *Selected Issues in Federal Litigation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. II (1995-1996).
- *Grounds of Deportations and Asylum and Withholding of Deportation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1994 - 1995); *Stays of Deportation for Aggravated Felons*, id. Vol. II
- *Grounds of Deportations and Asylum and Withholding of Deportation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1993-1994); *Changed Country Conditions*, id. Vol. I
- *Grounds of Deportation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1992-1993).
- *Asylum and Withholding of Deportation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1991-1992).
- *Asylum and Withholding of Deportation*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, Vol. I (1990).

MAJOR LITIGATION

- *In Re Hutto Family Detention Center*, No. A07-CA-164-55 (W.D. Tx 2007). Co-counsel in lawsuit challenging detention of children and their families at the T. Don Hutto Detention Center. Settlement reached implementing significant changes in conditions and length of detention.
- *Aparicio v. Blakeway*, 302 F.3d 437 (5th Cir. 2002). Lead counsel, along with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Immigration and Refugee Rights Project, San Antonio, in class action lawsuit against the San Antonio INS' naturalization procedures.
- *Murillo v. Mussegades*, 809 F. Supp. 487 (W.D. Tx. 1992). Class action suit for declaratory/injunctive relief filed on behalf of students, faculty and staff of Bowie High School, El Paso, Texas, against the U.S. Border Patrol. Temporary injunction issued and subsequent settlement to remove border patrol presence for high school campus and to enforce monitoring, complaint procedure and training for border patrol.

- ***Cedillo v. Adams***, No. H-94-2461 (S.D. Tex. Houston 1994). Class action suit for declaratory/injunctive relief against local police/INS raid in Hispanic neighborhood. Settlement reached prohibiting further unconstitutional actions and providing for community-based training of INS and police and community outreach.
- ***Ricardo Aldape Guerra v. Collins***, No. H-93-290 (S.D. Tex. Houston 1992). Amicus brief in support of habeas *corpus* challenge to death penalty sentence of undocumented Mexican citizen. Death penalty reversed.
- ***Sanchez v. Garza***, 809 F. Supp. 487 (W.D. Tex. 1992). Class action suit for declaratory/injunctive relief and damages against Border Patrol for Fourth Amendment violations, brought on behalf of students, staff and faculty of El Paso, Texas high school. Preliminary injunction issued by court. Settlement reached which included prohibition against further constitutional violations, community based training of Border Patrol officers, implementation of complaint procedure, monitoring of Border Patrol actions.
- ***Ruano v. Trominski***, No. M-92-087 (S.D. Tex. McAllen 1992). Suit brought by non-profit refugee organization and children in deportation proceedings against INS for constitutional and statutory violations. Settlement reached that ensures children's access to counsel.
- ***In Re Perez-Hernandez***, A29 999 912 (BIA 1993). Amicus brief filed challenging INS' taking of statements against interest from unaccompanied children in deportation proceedings.
- ***Gonzalez v. Gaines***, No. 90: 92-CV-12, (E.D. Tex. Lufkin 1992). Suit challenging denial of Pell Grant federal financial aid for certain family unity immigrants.
- ***Ignacio v. INS***, 955 F.2d 295 (5th Cir. 1992) (per curiam). Challenge to government's retroactive interpretation of aggravated felon provisions of the INMACT 90. Court of Appeals affirmed INS' interpretation.
- ***Martinez-Montoya v. INS***, 904 F.2d 1018 (5th Cir. 1990). Challenge to INS' interpretation of Texas deferred adjudication statute as a final conviction. Served as co-counsel.
- ***Perales v. Casillas***, 903 F.2d 1043 (5th Cir. 1990); 950 F.2d. 1066 (5th Cir. 1992). Class action suit against INS regarding employment authorization for spouses awaiting immigrant visas.
- ***Matter of Hernandez-Casillas v. INS***, Int. Dec. 3147 (A.G. 1991), 983 F.2d 231 (5th Cir. 1983). Challenge by long-term permanent resident to INS' narrow interpretation of eligibility for waiver of inadmissibility.
- ***Mitchell v. Johnston***, F.2d 337 (5th Cir. 1983). Class action suit filed by AFDC/Medicaid recipients challenging cutbacks in Texas' preventive dental program.
- ***Hernandez-Cordero v. INS***, 783 F.2d 1266 (5th Cir. 1986); 819 F.2d 558 (5th Cir. 1987) (*en banc.*) Appeal of denial of suspension of deportation.
- ***Nunez v. Boldin***, 537 F. Supp 578. (S.D. Tex. 1982). Class action challenge to detention conditions and rights to apply for asylum filed by Salvadoran and Guatemalan detainees. Assisted lead counsel.
- ***Rebollar v. Texas Education Agency***, No. 265,783, 126th Judicial District Court of Travis County (1977); TEA No. 77-R87. Challenge to Texas law denying public education to certain immigrant children TEC ruled that children awaiting immigrant visas were entitled to attend public school.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and conversational in Portuguese

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