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EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, Georgia) *May 2004*
Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*
GPA: 3.24, *Journal of International and Comparative Law*

Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia), Bachelor of Arts *May 2001*

LANGUAGES

Spanish

EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University College of Law (Atlanta, GA)
Immigration Clinic - *Clinical Supervising Attorney* *December 2019 to present*

Teach students to hone their trial, advocacy, and general lawyering skills through direct representation of indigent noncitizens in a variety of immigration matters. More information at law.gsu.edu/ic.

Miller Immigration LLC (Atlanta, GA), *Founder-Managing Attorney* *April 2019 to December 2019*

Representation of foreign nationals in removal proceedings at the U.S. Immigration Courts, as well as on appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals and to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. For foreign nationals not in removal proceedings, representation before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Department of State.

The Latin American Association (Atlanta, GA), *Managing Staff Attorney* *April 2018 to April 2019*

Representation of foreign nationals in removal proceedings at Atlanta Immigration Court. Cases involved applications / petitions for: asylum, U visa, T visa, S visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and adjustment of status (both family-based and under the Cuban Adjustment Act). Also supervised and mentored all LAA Staff Attorneys.

Catholic Charities Atlanta (Atlanta, GA), *Senior Staff Attorney* *September 2013 to March 2018*

Duties included: (1) supervision of CCA Staff Attorneys; (2) recruitment, training, and supervision of law school interns; and (3) weekly travel to the Stewart Detention Center, in Lumpkin, Georgia, to provide immigrant detainees with a Spanish-language, know-your-rights presentation. Primary duty was direct representation of foreign nationals at:

- U. S. Immigration Court. Extensive experience at Atlanta and Stewart Immigration Courts – nationally-recognized as two of the most hostile and unsympathetic in the country – includes: (1) motions to terminate granted for two separate Lawful Permanent Residents with criminal convictions; (2) cancellation of removal awarded to client with autistic son; (3) cancellation of removal awarded to client with severely depressed daughter; (4) asylum granted to deaf, 21-year-old Salvadoran persecuted on account of disability; and (5) asylum granted to schizophrenic Guatemalan persecuted on account of disability.
- Board of Immigration Appeals. Persuaded Board of Immigration Appeals to reopen proceedings and rescind removal orders in three cases.
- U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Eleventh Circuit grants in part Petition for Review, holding that IJ / BIA failed to consider record evidence in asylum case involving domestic violence survivor from Honduras. *See Alonzo Rivera et al. v. U.S. Atty. Gen.*, 649 Fed.Appx. 983 (11th Cir. 2016).
- U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Affirmative asylum applications, family-based petitions, U visa, DACA, applications for travel documents, 245(i) adjustments, 601A waivers, SIJS, and naturalization.
- USCIS Administrative Appeals Office. Persuaded AAO to reverse revocation of client's U visa.
- U. S. Department of State. Consular processing through the National Visa Center and U.S. consulates abroad.

- Georgia state courts. Representation of minors seeking predicate orders for SIJS.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society (Lawrenceville, GA), <i>Contract Attorney</i>	<i>Apr 2013 to Sep 2013</i>
SoloInglés.com / Open English (Buenos Aires, Argentina), <i>ESL Teacher</i>	<i>Apr 2011 to Jan 2013</i>
Richard S. Alembik P.C. (Atlanta, GA), <i>Associate</i>	<i>Jan 2008 to Dec 2010</i>

Counsel of record in wide variety of civil disputes, e.g., commercial / construction litigation, plaintiffs' personal injury, and foreclosure defense. Presented oral argument at more than 20 motion hearings – including multiple hearings on motions for summary judgment – in state, superior, and magistrate courts throughout the metro Atlanta area. Second-chair trial counsel in: (1) two-day bench trial in Bankr. Court for N.D. Ga. (direct examinations); and (2) two-day jury trial in Henry County State Court (direct and cross examinations).

Reported decisions (while employed at Richard S. Alembik, P.C.):

- *Shiva Mgmt v. Walker*, 308 Ga. App. 878 (2011).
- *Lumsden v. Williams*, 307 Ga. App. 163 (2010).
- *DuPree v. S. Atl. Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists*, 299 Ga. App. 352 (2009)(primary author of appellate brief).

Orr Brown & Johnson LLP (Gainesville, Georgia), <i>Associate</i>	<i>Jan 2007 to Jan 2008</i>
Judge John J. Goger, Fulton Co. Superior Court (Atlanta, Georgia), <i>Law Clerk</i>	<i>Aug 2004 to Aug 2006</i>

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Court of Appeals; Georgia Supreme Court; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia; and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Immigration Lawyers Association (“AILA”); State Bar of Georgia Immigration Law Section.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Past Chair, AILA Georgia-Alabama Chapter Asylum Committee. In August of 2018, the Committee organized and hosted an event at which the Director of the USCIS Arlington Asylum Office discussed recent changes to asylum policy and took questions from Chapter members. The Committee also, in January of 2019, hosted a “lunch-and-learn” at which local practitioners gathered to discuss strategies for handling asylum claims post-*Matter of A-B-*, a 2018 decision in which then-Attorney General Sessions attempts to categorically bar gang- and domestic violence-based asylum claims.

Athens Access to Justice “Pop-Up” Clinic. Regular attendance at monthly clinic serving low-income community.

Georgia Immigration Working Group. Consortium of attorneys seeking improved access to justice for Georgia immigrants.

Center of Excellence (“COE”). Collaboration between the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and Innovation Law Lab. The COE’s mission is to counteract the low asylum grant rate at the Atlanta Immigration Court.

Winner, 2017 AILA GA-AL Chapter “Pro Bono Champion” Award. Awarded for representation of low-income foreign nationals at the Atlanta Immigration Court and elsewhere.

Speaking engagements:

Panelist, “Defensive Asylum,” *2020 GA-AL AILA Chapter Conference for Family, Naturalization, Removal, and Asylum*, 3.13.20, Atlanta, GA (canceled due to COVID-19).

- Panelist, "Petitions for Review at the 11th Circuit," *2020 GA-AL AILA Chapter Employment & Litigation Conference*, 1.17.20, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Asylum," *Immigrant Pathway Institute*, 10.24.19, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Asylum Issues," *AILA GA-AL Chapter Annual Conference*, 2.15.19, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, "Emerging Issues and Pro Bono Opportunities for Attorneys as a Result of Changes in Immigration Laws," *Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and the Global Community*, 11.30.18, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Immigration Update," *U. S. Supreme Court Update*, State Bar of Georgia, 10.18.18, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Affirmative vs. Defensive Asylum Claims and New Challenges," *Asylum and Victims of Violence Training*, Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network, 3.28.18, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Help!: Asylum," *AILA GA-AL Chapter Annual Conference*, 2.23.18, Atlanta, GA.
- Speaker, "Immigration Update," *U. S. Supreme Court Update*, State Bar of Georgia, 10.19.17, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, "Immigration Panel," *Asylum and Victims of Violence Training*, Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network, 3.3.17, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, "Sin Nombre: Updates on Unaccompanied Minors and Asylum from Central America," *AILA GA-AL Chapter Annual Conference*, 2.19.17, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, "Representing Unaccompanied Minors," *Ga. State Univ. College of Law - Hispanic Student Bar Ass'n*, 9.22.16, Atlanta, GA.

References available upon request