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ADMISSIONS

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Admitted to practice on July 18, 2019); **United States Tax Court** (Admitted to practice on January 30, 2019); **Supreme Court of Pennsylvania** (Admitted to practice on October 16, 2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Temple University James Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Professor of Practice and Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, July 2023-present
Supervising law students and teaching a once-a-week seminar class in a tax clinic in which we represent low-income individuals who have disputes with the IRS

Philadelphia Legal Assistance, Philadelphia, PA

Staff Attorney in Taxpayer Support Clinic, September 2018-July 2023

Represented low-income Philadelphia taxpayers in challenging their misclassification as independent contractors before the IRS, entering into collection alternatives, navigating tax disputes; started in this role as a American Bar Association Section of Taxation Brunswick Public Service Fellow; authored chapter on worker misclassification in 8th Edition of Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS, published by the ABA Tax Section in June 2021; president of staff attorneys' union from February 2022-July 2023

Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA (financed by Equal Justice America grant)

Consumer Rights & Home Ownership Unit Intern, Summer 2017

Helped clients obtain monthly property tax payment plans and the Homestead Exemption; conducted legal research and drafted memos on bankruptcy law and attorneys' ethical obligations; appeared in front of the Tax Review Board; drafted deeds

Philadelphia Legal Assistance, Philadelphia, PA (financed by Villanova PIFP grant)

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Intern, Summer 2016

Worked with clients to file & gather supporting evidence for tax preparer misconduct claims, challenges to worker misclassification, identity theft affidavits, audit reconsiderations, and offers in compromise; regularly communicated with IRS personnel on clients' files; conducted legal research on misclassification and filing of delinquent returns

Congressman Matt Cartwright, Washington, D.C.

Capitol Hill Intern, January-May 2013; Campaign Finance Director of Interns, Summer 2015

Assisted Rep. Cartwright and Capitol Hill staff in gathering cosponsors for legislation and answering constituent phone calls and letters; in campaign role, raised significant amount of money for Rep. Cartwright's reelection through fundraisers and phone calls to donors

Regan, Zambri, and Long, Washington, D.C.

File Clerk, November 2013-December 2014

Catalogued physical evidence for personal injury cases; filed case rejections through online system; wrote posts on child safety for law firm blog; performed front desk duties that included regular interaction with clients; did weekly supply orders

State Representative Phyllis Mundy, Kingston, PA

Aide, June 2010-August 2013

Assisted Rep. Mundy and caseworkers with constituent service in her district office, spoke on her behalf at events, and advised Rep. Mundy in her campaigns outside the district office

EDUCATION

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA

J.D., May 2018

Honors: Philadelphia Bar Association Public Interest Section Law Student Award; Dorothy Day Award for Pro Bono Service

Activities: Moot Court, 2016-2018 (#12 of 40 teams at ABA Competition; quarterfinalist & 11th best joint brief at FBA Competition); Pro Bono Society Treasurer, 2017-2018; Public Interest Fellowship Program 2016 Fellow; Women's Law Caucus Men's Outreach Co-Coordinator, 2016-2018; Villanova Law Democrats President, 2015-2017

The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

B.A., in Political Science, May 2015

Honors: Baer Award for Individual Excellence; Wall of Fame Award

Activities: College Democrats President, 2013-2014; Student Govt. Senator, 2012-2015

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE LEARNING

Villanova Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Villanova, PA

Extern, Spring 2018

Advocated for laws to protect trafficked persons, wrote news posts & researched legislation

Villanova Clinic for Asylum, Refugee & Emigrant Services (CARES), Villanova, PA

Certified Legal Intern, Spring 2017 & Fall 2017 (Grade in both semesters: A)

Represented asylum-seekers in immigration court & USCIS proceedings; appeared in master calendar hearings & merits hearings (including asylum win); prepared evidence submissions; interviewed clients; conducted extensive country conditions research; filed motions

Montgomery County Public Defender-Expungement Clinic, Norristown, PA

Villanova Volunteer Program Director, Fall 2016-Spring 2018; Volunteer, 2015-2016

Conducted intake interviews; drafted expungement orders and petitions; recruited volunteers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Upper Darby, PA

Villanova Program Director, Spring 2017; Volunteer, Spring 2016 & Spring 2018

Completed tax returns for clients; answered client questions; recruited VITA volunteers

Foreign Languages: Farsi (oral fluency); Websites: omeedfirouzi.blogspot.com; matchgameomeedy.itgo.com; taxjusticewarriors.com (podcast); Professional Awards: ABA Tax Section Nolan Fellowship, 2023-2024; Philadelphia Bar Association (PBA) Bar Star (2020); Memberships & Associations: ABA Tax Section Pro Bono & Tax Clinics Committee Vice Chair, 2021-present; Riverwards Area Democrats, Secretary, 2023-present; PA Democratic Party Voter Protection Volunteer, 2015-present; Volunteer Farsi Interpreter, HIAS, 2016-present; Volunteer at Share Food Program, 2019-present; PBA Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee, 2020-2023 & Cabinet Treasurer, 2021-2022; Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates Leadership Advisory Group, 2018-2021; Anti-Defamation League board member through PBA Board Observer Program, 2019-2020