

AVIDEH MOUSSAVIAN

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EXPERIENCE

National Immigration Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Economic Justice Attorney, 6/13-3/17; Senior Staff Attorney, 3/17-9/18; Legislative Director, 9/18-11/20; Director of Federal Advocacy, 12/20-present

- Lead our federal legislative and administrative advocacy team in developing goals and executing strategy and tactics for achieving immigrant-inclusive policies across government agencies and in Congress, leveraging technical policy expertise, political analysis and strategic communications.
- Lead advocacy campaigns with diverse stakeholders on issues such as defending Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Temporary Protected Status and fighting the Muslim and African Bans, and expand and deepen strategic campaign partnerships.
- Regularly engage with and educate media and elected officials and build coalitions across anti-poverty, criminal justice, civil rights and liberties and worker rights organizations.
- Public speaking at conferences and trainings, Hill briefings, and as a witness at a Congressional hearing; frequent media interviews, including NPR, Al Jazeera, C-SPAN and Nightline.
- Lead 501(c)(4) federal advocacy and 2020 presidential candidate engagement and development of policy platforms.

International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands

Visiting Professional, Office of Public Counsel for Defense; 5/12-11/12

- Conducted research and provided legal advice to criminal defense teams, including The Prosecutor v. Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al-Senussi on admissibility; participated in public outreach events promoting the role of criminal defense counsel and rights of the accused.

Jean-Pictet Competition in International Humanitarian Law, The Hague, The Netherlands

Director of Administration; 9/11-4/13

- Organized all aspects of an annual, week-long training and competition on international humanitarian law, including the application process, development of legal curriculum, logistics and fundraising.

Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY

Senior Staff Attorney, Immigration Intervention Project; 8/07-12/10

- Represented survivors of gender-based violence in immigration matters, removal defense, consular processing, Hague Convention claims, and criminal justice advocacy, including a successful gubernatorial pardon; supervised and trained pro bono associates at law firms and Columbia Law School; designed training curriculum for attorneys, social workers, and community advocates; coordinated advocacy and legislative campaigns with government officials; drafted and presented testimony at government hearings and organized media coverage.

The New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY

Program Associate, 11/04-2/06; Senior Staff Attorney for Immigration Advocacy and Training, 2/06-2/07; Director of Immigration Policy and Advocacy; 2/07-8/07

- Coordinated multi-ethnic organizations, legal and social service providers, unions, and elected officials to build coalitions with educational, media, and legislative campaigns focused on legalization, fighting criminalization and incarceration of immigrants, and restoring due process; extensive public speaking, including community and academic panels, trainings, press conferences,

and media interviews; drafted policy updates, opinion pieces, and press releases.

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, 10/02-8/04

- Practiced securities, general commercial litigation and arbitration, engaged in extensive client communication; drafted depositions, memoranda and appeal papers; pro bono matters included successful representation of a Mauritanian political asylum seeker in removal proceedings.

Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, 9/00-10/02

- Practiced securities, antitrust, white collar criminal, and media law; pro bono matters included securing a final protection order and 9/11 survivor benefits.

Southern District of New York United States Attorney, White Plains, NY

Law Clerk, 6/99-8/99

- Researched and wrote motions and memoranda related to narcotics, kidnapping, murder, tax fraud and racketeering; participated in witness proffers, jury selection, trial, and sentencing hearings.

Children's Legal Services, Boston, MA

Law Clerk, 1/99-6/00

- Represented minors in special education and care and protection cases, including participation in home visits, meetings with social workers, educators, psychologists, and status conferences; negotiated in mediations with government agencies, drafted discovery papers.

Palestine Peace Project, East Jerusalem, West Bank

Law Clerk, 6/98-8/98

- Designed a health education campaign and drafted gender-sensitive labor laws for a local women's rights nonprofit; liaised with Israeli and Palestinian government representatives, local NGOs, and diverse residents in Jewish settlements, Gazan refugee camps and Bedouin communities.

Institute for International Cooperation and Development, Recife, Brazil

Counselor, 1/97-6/97

- Worked with Ruas y Praças, a local NGO that rehabilitates homeless youth with substance addictions; produced a 30-minute documentary based on interviews with children, government officials, and social service providers and an investigation of child labor laws.

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J. D.

Columbia University, B.A. in Comparative Literature

ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Admitted in the State of New York, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the United States Supreme Court; Families For Freedom Board Treasurer (2007-2010)

LANGUAGES

French (proficient); Persian (speaking only)

HONORS

Immigrant Advocacy Fellow (2006); Marshall Memorial Fellow (awarded 2020; postponed due to COVID-19)