

BAR RATINGS

Lesbian & Gay Bar Association of Chicago: Highly Recommended

Chicago Bar Association: Qualified

Arab American Bar Association: Recommended

Chicago Council of Lawyers: Qualified

Cook County Bar Association: Recommended

Decalogue Society of Lawyers: Recommended

Hellenic Bar Association: Recommended

Hispanic Bar Association: Qualified

Illinois State Bar Association: Qualified

Puerto Rican Bar Association: Recommended

Women's Bar Association: Recommended

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McDermott Will & Emery, Chicago, IL

Pro Bono Litigation Partner, January 2020 – present

Partner, Trial Department, January 2013 – present

Associate, Trial Department, September 2007 – December 2012

Summer Associate, Trial Department, Summer 2005

Supervise and handle all aspects of a wide assortment of complex litigation matters in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal level; cultivate pro bono litigation opportunities available to the Firm's attorneys in order to increase pro bono attorney participation and enhance attorney skill development in a wide array of substantive areas; manage teams involved in high-impact, high-profile litigation; served as firm-wide Partner-in-Charge for LGBTQ Diversity & Inclusion (2014-2019) and Chicago Hiring Partner (2013-2019); organized legal clinics for LGBTQ+ individuals at the Center on Halsted and the Broadway Youth Center of Howard Brown.

High Court of American Samoa, Pago Pago, American Samoa

Law Clerk, August 2006 – August 2007

Served as legal counsel to the Chief Justice and Associate Justice on all pending criminal and civil matters; drafted opinions for the Appellate, Trial, and Land Divisions of the High Court; edited High Court opinions and created case notes for publication in American Samoa Reports.

Institute for Shipboard Education, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Resident Director, Spring 2003 Semester at Sea Voyage, January 2003 – May 2003

Community Living & Learning Center, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Director, Office of Selection, Training & Development, June 2001 – December 2002

Assistant Director, Housing Services, June 2000 – May 2001

Community Director, June 1999 – May 2000

Office of Admissions, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Assistant Director of Admissions, September 1998 – May 1999

Office of Undergraduate Admission, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

Admissions Counselor, July 1997 – August 1998

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, May 2006, *cum laude*

GPA: 3.604 Rank: 29/192 (15%)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law Leadership and Service Award

Loyola University Chicago Law Journal, Executive Editor, Student Articles

Philip H. Corboy Fellow in Trial Advocacy

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Master of Arts, Higher Education Administration & Human Resource Development, May 2001

Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs, May 1997

Semester at Sea, Study Abroad Program in South Pacific, Summer 1996

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HONORS

Family Defense Center (n/k/a Ascend Justice), Board of Directors (2012-2019)

President, November 2015 – December 2019

Equality Illinois PAC, Board of Directors, November 2011 – June 2015

Shortlisted by *Chambers* as LGBT+ Equality Lawyer of the Year (2019)

Named to Inaugural List of *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable LGBTQ Executives (2018)

Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2016)

Minority Corporate Counsel Association's *Diversity & The Bar* "Rising Star" (2015)

Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Star" (2011-2016)

PUBLICATIONS

The Territory Federal Jurisdiction Forgot: The Question of Greater Federal Jurisdiction in American Samoa, 17 PAC. RIM. L & POL'Y 325 (2008)

Uncertainty Maintained: The Split Decision over Partisan Gerrymanders in Vieth v. Jubelirer, 36 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 1273 (2005)

ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois & U.S. Territory of American Samoa

U.S. Circuit Court for Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

U.S. District Court for Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

U.S. District Court for Districts of Colorado, Central & Southern Illinois, and Eastern Michigan

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

House of Delegates (American Samoa Delegate, 2015-16)

American Samoa Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

Lesbian & Gay Bar Association of Chicago