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Employment

2009 – present

Solo Practitioner, Caguas Puerto Rico

Practices law in the areas of bankruptcy, intellectual property, contracts, permits, general civil litigation.

2006 – 2008

Professor, P.C.I.G., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Taught teachers and school directors various legal topics

2006

Course Developer, P.C.I.G., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Prepared courses for teachers and school directors on various legal topics and regulations

February 2005 – May 2009

Staff Attorney, Puerto Rico Planning Board, Santurce, Puerto Rico

Represented the Board in active litigation, and appellate procedure. Conducted public hearings for proposed regulations and plans. Advised the Board on the drafting of its regulations regarding intellectual property, database protection policies, and on starting a paperless permit review process.

October 2003 – February 2005

Associate, Landrón & Vera, LLP, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Handled active litigation in areas such as general civil practice, labor, torts & civil rights.

May 2003 - December 2004

Professor, Carlos Albizu University/Corrections & Rehabilitation Department, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Taught parole & probation officers and their supervisors on various legal topics.

October 2003

Associate, Bufete Bennazar, C.S.P. Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

Handled litigation in administrative courts.

January 2002 - October 2003

Legal Counsel, Puerto Rico House of Representatives, Committee on Government, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Drafted bills, scheduled public hearings, drafted Committee reports. Assisted in the defense of the Committee reports.

Education

Law	University of Houston Law Center , LL.M., Intellectual Property and Information Law (2007) H.L.S.A. member (Hispanic Law Students Association) University of Puerto Rico School of Law , J.D. (2001) Phi Alpha Delta, Ernesto Ramos Antonini chapter
College	University of Puerto Rico , B.A., Humanities (Magna cum laude 1998) Felipe Gutiérrez Espinosa Award Winner (Music 1998) Honor Scholarship

Writings

Thesis paper: “Whatever Happened to Copyright Defenses Under The DMCA” (April 30, 2007)

A study of the detrimental effects of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act over technological innovator and investors, by creating new unbalanced prohibitions that appear to be impervious to traditional copyright defenses. With no foreseeable legislative action to amend the statute, a legal interpretation is offered for defendants to allege some of the traditional defenses of copyright, like fair use, even in such an inhospitable legal context.

Drafts

“Reglamento de Cobro de Derechos” Puerto Rico Planning Board.

“Reglamento para el Requerimiento de Información y para la Imposición de Multas Administrativas por su Incumplimiento” Puerto Rico Planning Board.

Terms of Use for Geographical Information Systems Layers (Data Licensing).

Presentations and Talks

Comunidad Andina - Resolución 476: “Las Patentes de Segundo Uso” at the University of Houston Law Center. March 2007

World Trade Organization - AB-2001-7: United States – Section 211 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 “Havana Club” Case. at the University of Houston Law Center. March 2007

“Nuevo Reglamento de Procedimientos Adjudicativos de la Junta de Planificación 2008” at the Colegio de Ingenieros y Agrimensores de Puerto Rico. June 2008

“Contornos y Limitaciones del Reglamento de Zonificación como Instrumento de Planificación y Síntesis de la Figura de la Expropiación a la Inversa en el Derecho Puertorriqueño” at the Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico. May 2009

“Religión en las Escuelas Públicas de Puerto Rico” at the 2nd Annual Assembly of Humanistas Seculares de Puerto Rico, held at Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico, October 2014

Bar Admissions

Puerto Rico Supreme Court

Notary practice

U.S. District Court for the Puerto Rico District

U.S. Court of Appeal for the First Circuit

Selected Litigation

Evelyn González, et at. v. Rafael Gómez Águila, et al., Civil No. 00-2602 (JA)

Olmeda v. Ortiz, Civil No. 02-2260 (JAG)

Unlimited Storage Corporation v. Municipio Autónomo de Guaynabo, 2011 TSPR 193

Junta de Planificación v. Frente Unido Pro Defensa del Valle de Lajas, 2005 TSPR 151

Recio v. ELA, KLRA2003-00294 KLRA2005-00006 (April 12, 2005)

López del Castillo v. Junta de Planificación, KLRA 2005-0367 (February 28, 2007)

San Mateo Property, Corp. v. Junta de Planificación, KLRA 2007-00644 (March 31, 2008)

Asoc. Res. Tintillo Hills v. JCA, 2006, KLRA 2005-00828 (April 6, 2006) (oral argument)

Junta de Planificación v. NL Stores, KLRA 2008-00423 (August 21, 2008) Certiorari denied.

Asoc. Com. Costera Mameyes II.v. Junta de Planificación KLRA 2008-00271 (June 30, 2008) Certiorari denied.

Asoc. Lindamar.v. Junta de Planificación, KLAN 2008-1053 (June 30, 2008)

Puerto Del Mar, S.E., v. Junta De Planificación, KLRA200500781 (May 16, 2006)

References

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Other Interests and Activities

Active in church-state separation issues

Active in promotion of humanism and secularism

Music Instructor

Composer

Music Performer

Band Leader

Poetry and Prose Writer