

Alternative Careers Biographies

International Pro Bono Counsel with a Large Law Firm

The International Pro Bono Counsel and Program Manager for a wholly integrated nonprofit affiliate of a large law firm develops, implements and oversees a diverse range of projects which allow the firm lawyers, often in collaboration with NGOs, government agencies and other joint venture partners, to work in areas of pressing global concern, including economic development, law reform, legal education, and human rights. She joined the firm as a Government Affairs associate and her practice focused on working with domestic and international clients to monitor, analyze and shape government and non-government activities on a variety of issues.

She has participated in several pro bono initiatives, including managing the drafting and vetting of a presidential Executive Order on torture and interrogation techniques.

Principal of a Government Relations and Public Affairs Lobbying Group

The Principal of this firm handles a diverse range of legislative, regulatory and policy issues before Congress and the executive branch. Her areas of expertise include financial services, tax, intellectual property and trade. Prior to joining the firm, she worked with the government affairs practice of a Washington, DC, law firm, where she provided strategic counsel and advocacy to health care, trade and appropriations clients.

Previously, she was a financial analyst in an investment bank's private wealth management division with an operational focus on high-net-worth individuals. She was also a Legal Fellow on the Senate Democratic Steering Committee chaired by former Senators Hillary Clinton and Tom Daschle, where she focused her work on Latino outreach and constituent issues.

Executive Director of a Non-profit Organization

The Executive Director is the co-author of the organization's flagship textbook, now in its eighth edition. He developed the Corporate Legal Diversity Pipeline Program and is implementing it with corporate legal departments and urban school systems throughout the country. He is the director of the organization's Supreme Court institutes and seminars.

Associate Regional Director of a PMBR Bar Review

The Associate Regional Director graduated from law school in 2007. Following graduation, she worked at a major law firm in Washington D.C. as a litigation associate

for two years. For the past two years, she has also served as an adjunct professor teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution at her law school.

This summer, she joined the PMBR Bar Review as the Associate Regional Director for Washington D.C. and Maryland. She is responsible for promoting and selling the PMBR Bar Review products at nine law schools in the Washington D.C. region. She also recruits, trains, and manages 120 law student representatives, conducts information sessions on law school campuses and at events in the region, and develops marketing and sales plans.

Legislative Attorney, American Law Division - Congressional Research Service

This legislative attorney graduated from law school in 2007 and has been with CRS since then. As a legislative attorney, she researches and advises Congress on issues related to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, interstate water disputes, the First Amendment's religion clauses, and legislative ethics.

Director of the Consultative Council/Presidential Advisor, National Institute of Building Sciences

He recently became the Director of the Consultative Council/Presidential Advisor, National Institute of Building Sciences. Formerly, he was the Manager of Government Affairs, served as Director of Programs at Renewable Natural Resources Foundation and has held positions at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Office of Senator Bob Graham, and several law firms. He is responsible for tracking legislative and regulatory issues, building partnerships with other standards developing organizations and organizations interested in the built environment, and communicating issues important to the organization's members to government officials.

Assistant General Counsel for LexisNexis Advanced Government Solutions

The Assistant General Counsel for LexisNexis Advanced Government Solutions handles the day-to-day legal issues of the company.

While serving with the military, he developed extensive experience as an Infantry officer and Airborne Ranger in the US Army. During law school, he worked for the legal department of a government contractor managing and negotiating government contracts and was also responsible for resolving Procurement Integrity Act issues for the company. After graduating law school, he worked for CACI International as a procurement analyst supporting the US Army's Contracting Center of Excellence.

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, Attorney at Law and Founder of a Consulting Firm

He is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and former federal banking regulator who specializes in anti-money laundering/combating the financing of terrorism at a Washington, DC-based consulting firm he founded in November 2006. He advises financial institutions, industrial companies, and law firms on issues such as independent audit, trade-based money laundering, and risk assessment. He is also a legal consultant to the World Bank on systemic financial crisis, bank insolvency and bank regulatory matters.

He has been a legal consultant to the International Monetary Fund on anti-money laundering/combating the financing of terrorism and banking matters since 1997.

Director, Federal Government Relations, TIAA-CREF

He started his career in banking and financial services on Capitol Hill as a staffer while he attended law school. After a few years on Capitol Hill, he did a brief stint at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and thereafter, he worked at a law firm in the banking and real estate law department.

He returned to Capitol Hill as a staffer for a Member of Congress on the House Financial Services Committee, where he was responsible for the entire financial services portfolio. He left Capitol Hill to be a lobbyist for the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, where he was the lead lobbyist for issues relating to banking and financial services. After a few years there, he left to become the Director of Federal Government Relations for TIAA-CREF, where he is currently the lead lobbyist on all financial services issues.

Career Director at a Graduate School of Political Management

Prior to joining the graduate school, she served as the Managing Director of a KPMG spin-off retained executive search firm. She handled business development and conducted executive searches for a wide array of clients in and around Washington, DC. She was the first woman to head a retained executive search firm in Washington, DC.

Earlier in her career, she specialized in federal and state legislative and public affairs and was a lobbyist. She has held positions as Government Affairs Director for the Direct Marketing Association of America, President of the Washington Area State Relations Group, and Chair of the Congressional Relations Committee of Women in Government Relations. Prior to working in the fields of lobbying and executive search, she worked on Capitol Hill and in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Managing Director, Transportation, of a Lobbying Firm

He provides clients with legislative, regulatory, political and strategic advice and representation on highways, transit, rail, aviation and other infrastructure issues. In addition, he provides advice and counsel on water resources, environmental and energy issues.

He rejoined the lobbying firm, after a previous Managing Associate position, from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) where he most recently served as Chief Counsel at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Prior to DOT, he was Director of Environment and Energy Programs at the American Council of Engineering Companies. In addition, he served as Counsel and Assistant to the Governor of Illinois' DC office, advising the Governor's office and state agency officials on federal and legislative issues impacting transportation, energy and the environment. Earlier, he served as Senior Legislative Assistant and Counsel to a U.S. Representative, where he handled transportation, infrastructure, and water resources issues during the Congressman's service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Senior Research Associate for a University Health Policy Institute

Her current research focuses on the regulation of the private health insurance markets, including consumer protections regarding access, affordability and adequacy. Recently, she has conducted research looking at the transparency and adequacy of health insurance policies and federal reform proposals. In addition, she has conducted research on the regulation of medical discount card and health insurance fraud, as well as health insurance transparency issues.

Senior Manager of Professional Development for a Major Law Firm in Washington, DC

He is a former practicing attorney and has worked in the legal career development field in Washington, DC since 2000. He has served in the roles of Associate Director for a Law School Career Services Office and Manager of Lawyer Development at another DC law firm. In his current position, he has firm-wide responsibilities for training and talent development initiatives in various areas, including: mentoring, attorney integration, and career management. He is currently seeking certification in Co-Active Coaching through the Coaches Training Institute.

Analyst, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) formerly NASD

In July 2004, he began working in the Legal Compliance department of Morgan Stanley. At Morgan Stanley, he conducted reviews of the equity buy and sell transactions that

were executed by registered representatives at the firm, and helped ensure that the registered representatives were recommending suitable investments for their clients. In 2005, he began working for a boutique securities law firm in New York.

Since May 2008, he has been working as a Regulatory Analyst at FINRA. As a Regulatory Analyst, he conducts Fraud and Insider Trading Investigations of companies that list their securities on the NYSE, NASDAQ, NYSE AMEX, and Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board. His investigations typically involve violations of anti-fraud provisions of Section 10, and the periodic reporting requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act.

Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, US Department of State

He is a diplomat in the State Department's human rights and democracy bureau, where he works to formulate US foreign policy on human rights and democratic governance in Central and Eastern Europe. He served previously as a political officer at the US Embassy in Mongolia, as an attorney-advisor at US European Command, and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in DC. Prior to joining the government, he worked and interned at organizations including the UN's Office of Legal Affairs, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, the Kosovo Law Center, and the UN Rwanda Tribunal.

Principal of a Career Coaching Firm

She has been coaching professionals on career issues since 1999 and received her coach training through Accomplishment Coaching and Landmark Education. She is an experienced mentor coach (one who trains other coaches to be more effective with clients) and a member of the International Coach Federation.

As an attorney, her primary focus was litigation. Other experience includes managing international nonproliferation programs for the U.S. Department of Commerce, working with foreign governments to expand international cooperation on export controls, and overseeing the redesign and overhaul of a large data management system. Prior to becoming an attorney, she managed a research team which analyzed U.S. policy and practices regarding disaster management, construction engineering, nuclear waste disposition, and other technical subjects.

Principal of a Business Consulting Firm

He is a lawyer with nearly 20 years of experience in international development consulting, U.S. government contracting and multilateral financial institutions. His practice focuses on business development, program design and marketing, recruitment, talent management and professional development, corporate communication and public relations, and other business information systems design and implementation. He is a certified mediator and professional and life coach.

He was with a major USAID contractor implementing trade and economic development projects, and as part of the contractor's management team for the Latin America region, he was director of business development and lead member of the Democracy & Governance Network, the firm's practice team for developing legal and policy frameworks, institutions, and citizen participation.

Chief Administrative Officer for a Professional Membership Association for Association Staff

As the Chief Administrative Officer and In-House Counsel for the association, he is responsible for Legal, Human Resources, Office Services and Conference Center operations, and is also a member of the Executive Team. He also serves as the senior staff liaison for the association's Legal Section Council and for the Ethics Committee.

Previously, he held several positions, including as General Counsel and/or Vice President of Human Resources for several small technology companies in various stages of their life cycle. He also served as Vice President – Human Resources and General Counsel for the regional subsidiary of the USA division of a major automobile company and was in private practice.

Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of a Trade Association

As the Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, he oversees all legal issues related to the operation and governance of the Association, including its political action committee. Prior to joining the association in November 2009, he served as the General Counsel for a number of public and private companies.

He began his career as an associate practicing bankruptcy and commercial litigation at numerous Washington, DC law firms.

Director of Policy for the American Association for Justice

She is the Director of Policy at the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America) where she oversees the development of AAJ policy positions and supervises AAJ's regulatory program. In addition, she lobbies against tort reform and for protection of consumer remedies, where she specializes in health care and medical liability, preemption, and civil procedure issues. She is also responsible for developing long-term research projects for the AAJ Endowment.

Prior to joining AAJ in 1995, she served as Legislative Counsel for the Montgomery County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly and as a bill drafter for the Maryland General Assembly.

Account Executive, LexisNexis

She has worked to develop preference for LexisNexis among law school students and faculty at DC-area law schools since 2005. Prior to joining LexisNexis, she was an associate at a large law firm in Washington, DC and San Diego, CA, where she worked for two years on various litigation matters, including toxic tort and trademark disputes.

Executive Director for a Family Fund

As the Executive Director of the Family Fund, she has focused on the Fund's grants for advocacy to end homelessness, reform of the juvenile justice system, and abolition of the death penalty. The Fund has recently entered into a transnational partnership with a Geneva-based foundation to expand its homelessness work.

Prior to her current position, she served for seven years on the board of the Neighborhood Funders Group whose mission is to improve the economic and social fabric of low-income urban neighborhoods and rural communities.

Pro Bono Counsel for a Major Law Firm

As Pro Bono Counsel, she coordinates and participates in the firm's pro bono activities. She also trains and supervises new associates involved in the office's wide-ranging pro bono program.

Prior to the firm, she was the Legal Director of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. She also served as a senior attorney in the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and as Counsel to the U.S. Attorney General.

In addition, she is chair of the board of directors of Mentoring ToDAY, a D.C. nonprofit that provides mentoring services to youth leaving juvenile detention facilities.