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CURRICULUM VITAE – IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY

- Admissions** United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, admitted 2012
- State Bar of California, No. 253399, admitted 2007
Certified Specialist, Immigration and Nationality Law, California
State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, effective 2015
- Memberships** American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (current member, past
member of the Board of Governors)
- San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), Immigration Section Chair
(current)
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS) (past)
- American Bar Association (ABA) (past)

Professional Experience Hurwitz Holt, APLC, San Diego, CA, 2011-present
full-service immigration and naturalization law firm
Sole owner/managing attorney since July 2018
Shareholder/attorney 2011-2018

Law Offices of Leah W. Hurwitz, APLC, San Diego, CA, 2007-2011
Associate attorney for firm specializing in immigration law

Executive Office for Immigration Review, Salt Lake City, UT, 2007
Full-time judicial intern to the Honorable William L. Nixon

Guerrero, Jacobs & Schlesinger LLP, San Diego, CA, 2006
Law clerk for firm specializing in immigration law

Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA, 2005
Pro bono mediator and intern for Family and Youth Offender Mediation Center

Access, Inc., San Diego, CA, 2005
Legal intern at nonprofit serving immigrant victims of domestic violence

**AILA
Involvement**

AILA National

- Board of Governors
Elected Board Member, Chapter Chair, 2014-15
Appointed Board Member, NMD Representative, 2015-16

- New Member Division Steering Committee
Committee Chair, 2014/15
Vice-Chair, 2013/14
Member-at-Large, 2011-13

- Advocacy Participant, National Day of Action, Washington, DC, 2010-20

- Conference Chair, 28th Annual California Chapter's Conference, Coronado, CA, 2015

- Annual Conference Committee Fundamentals and Special Sessions Chair, AILA Annual Conference 2016

AILA San Diego Chapter

- Executive Committee
Chair, 2014/15
Vice-Chair, 2012/14
Secretary, 2011/12
Treasurer, 2010/11

- USCIS Liaison Committee (for District 24)
Chair, 2015/16

- San Diego Consular Corps Committee
Liaison, 2012-14

- San Diego Chapter's Media & Advocacy Committee
Chair, 2015/16, 18/19 (national advocacy)
Co-Chair 2011-13 (state and national advocacy)
Member-at-Large, 2010/11, 2013-15, 2016-18, 2019/20 (state and national advocacy)

- EOIR Liaison Committee (for San Diego Immigration Court)
Liaison, 2011-13

- C o m m u n i t y** - Attorney Advisor, Survivors of Torture, International, San Diego, CA
Involvement 2019
- Volunteer Attorney, Mexican Consulate, San Diego, CA, 2016-2018
 - Attorney Advisor, Community Law Project, California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA, 2011-18
 - Mentor Attorney, American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project, San Diego, CA, 2012-17
 - Volunteer Attorney, American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project, San Diego, CA, 2009-2015
 - Attorney Advisor, San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, San Diego, CA, 2011-12
 - Immigration Attorney Advisor, various local churches and restaurants

**Awards /
Recognition**

- Top 10 Attorney List for Immigration Law, Attorney and Practice Magazine, 2019 & 2020
- Top 40 under 40 Immigration Lawyers in the States of California, American Society of Legal Advocates, 2016
- Certificate of Recognition for Promoting Access to Justice for Immigrants in San Diego in 2014, Toni G. Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly, California State Assembly, 2014
- Robert S. Gerber Memorial Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service, American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project, 2013
- Special Recognition Certificate, American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project, 2010-2013
- Certificate of Appreciation, American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project, 2011-2013
- San Diego's Best Lawyers – Immigration Law, SDMetro Magazine, 2012
- San Diego's Top Attorneys – Immigration Law, SDMetro Magazine, 2011
- Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Award, State Bar of California, 2006

- Accredited Speaking Engagements**
- *What Do You Mean I'm Not a U.S. Citizen?*, AILA Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, 2019
 - *Relief for the Undocumented in the Workforce*, 31st Annual AILA California Chapters Conference, San Diego, CA, 2018
 - *Unlawful Presence and Permanent Bar Issues: Who, What, When, and Where? Can It Be Beat?*, 30th Annual AILA California Chapters Conference, Hollywood, CA, 2017
 - *They're Not All Saints: Common Inadmissibility Issues*, AILA Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2017
 - *The Intersection Between Trust and Estates Law and Immigration Law*, Foothill Bar Association, La Mesa, CA, 2017
 - *Challenging Charging Documents in Immigration Court*, San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego, CA 2017
 - *The Changing Categorical Approach*, 29th Annual AILA CA Chapters Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2016
 - *Dealing With Difficult Immigration Judges*, AILA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2016
 - *New Attendee Orientation*, AILA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2016
 - *Contesting the Charges and Evidence and Shifting Burden of Proof*, 28th Annual AILA CA Chapters Conference, Coronado, CA, 2015
 - *Introduction to Immigration Law*, AILA Annual Conference, National Harbor, Maryland, 2015 (pre-recorded panel)
 - *Getting the Most Out of the Annual Conference*, AILA Annual Conference, National Harbor, Maryland, 2015 (pre-recorded panel)
 - *New Attendee Orientation*, AILA Annual Conference, National Harbor, Maryland, 2015
 - *Addressing Inadmissibility in Consular Processing Cases*, 27th Annual AILA CA Chapters Conference, San Jose, CA, 2014
 - *VAWA's, U's and T's*, IJP Training, American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project, San Diego, CA, 2014
 - *The Child Immigrant Crisis – What Does This Mean to the Legal Community: Roundtable Discussion*, San Diego County Bar Association, 2014
 - *Avoiding the Long Lift Lines: I-601 Update*, Winter Immigration CLE Conference presented by the AILA Southern California Chapter, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 2014
 - *Alternative Court Remedies*, IJP Training, American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project, San Diego, CA, 2014
 - *Administrative Voluntary Departure and Due Process Issues*, San Diego County Bar Association, 2014
 - *Recent Developments in Family-Based Immigration*, 26th Annual AILA CA Chapters Conference, Anaheim, CA, 2013

Publications

- Note: All speaking engagements at AILA Annual CA Chapters (2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019) Conferences and AILA Annual Conferences (2011-18) results in published articles on the listed topics in the conference materials
- *Hanging a Shingle or Improving an Already Hanging Shingle*, AILA Podcast, July 2014
- *Is this Your First Rodeo, Advice for AC First-Timers*, AILA Voice, June 2014
- *Courts Curbing DHS's Leverage over the Detained*, AILA New Members Division E-News, December 2013
- *Why NDA Needs the New Members Division*, AILA New Members Division E-News, March 2013

**Print Media
Articles / Quotes**

- *How Likely Are Central Americans from the Caravan to Win Their Cases*, Los Angeles Times, The Garden City Telegram & San Diego Union Tribune, May 6, 2018
- *Immigration Processing Speeds up in San Diego Area Courts*, San Diego Union Tribune and Baltimore Sun, Aug. 18, 2017
- *Woman says immigration agent pulled gun on her on freeway*, San Diego Union Tribune Aug. 10, 2017
- *Sitkan Navigates the Immigration Maze*, Daily Sitka Sentinel, Oct. 16, 2015
- *Hundreds of Mentally Ill Deportees May Seek Return to U.S.*, KPBS, Oct. 2, 2015
- *Escondido Man's Immigration Case Gives Glimpse of an Alternate Legal Universe*, inewssource, July 29, 2015
- *U.S. Government Holding Fewer Immigrants in Detention*, inewssource, Apr. 6, 2015
- *Families Prepare for Obama Immigration Plan*, San Diego, Union Tribune, Dec. 7, 2014
- *Immigration: Obama work program for young illegal immigrants poses problems for workers, employers*, North County Times, 2012
- *Exclusive: Escondido woman obtains restraining order against Border Patrol agent*, North County Times, 2012
- *Change Starts With One - Fund For Justice and Education Annual Report 2009-2010*, American Bar Association, 2011
- *Issa Bill Would Increase Visas for Highly Educated Immigrants*, North County Times, 2011
- *Bilbray criticized for comments on illegal immigrants*, North County Times, 2010
- *Law students get dose of reality, working for \$60 per week south of the border: Cal Western School of Law teacher films documentary*, San Diego Business Journal, 2006

TV Media

- *Escondido Man's Immigration Case Gives Glimpse of an Alternate Legal Universe*, inewssource, July 29, 2015
- *Local Congressman Calls Obama "Soft"*, NBC Local Evening News, 2011
- *How Do Immigrants Become Legal?*, KUSI Local Morning News, 2010
- *Immigration Reform for Military Families*, Despierta San Diego, Univision Channel 17, 2010

Languages

- English
- Português
- Spanish

Church Service

Mission, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1999-01

Education

Juris Doctor, California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA (Trustee Scholar, full-tuition scholarship), June 2007

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA (graduated with High Honors distinction), June 2004

- Major, History of Public Policy
- Minor, Portuguese
- Original Thesis (95pp): *Domestic Violence Policy, the Perils of Vertical Prosecution in Santa Barbara County*