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EDUCATION & MEMBERSHIPS

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D. May 2014

Activities: Office of Public Interest Advising, Section Representative
Summer Theory Institute, Fellow
Pro Bono Service Award Recipient

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, B.A. *summa cum laude* in History, Minor in Law and Society, January 2011

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa
Founders' Day Award

BAR ADMISSION: Michigan (November 2014)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW, Detroit, MI

Assistant Professor of Law, Jul 2025-Present
Director, Immigration Law Clinic, Jul 2025-Present
Courses taught: Immigration Law Clinical Seminar

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI

Interim Director, Immigration Law Clinic, Jul 2023-Sep 2024
Teaching Fellow, Dec 2022-Sep 2024
Courses taught: Immigration Law Clinical Seminar
Refugee & Asylum Law Seminar

PUBLICATIONS

Marie S. Celentino, *In Government We Trust: Judicial Deference to Government Evidence in Removal Proceedings*, VAND. L. REV. (Mar. 2025)

Tania Morris Diaz & Marie S. Celentino, *The New Public Charge Immigration Rule and Its Impact*, Michigan Bar Journal (Dec. 2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MICHIGAN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CENTER, Detroit, MI

Managing Attorney, Oct 2024-Present
Staff Attorney, Aug 2019-Dec 2022

FREEDOM HOUSE DETROIT, Detroit, MI

Senior Attorney, Jan 2019-Aug 2019
Staff Attorney, Jun 2017-Jan 2019

ANTONE, CASAGRANDE & ADWERS, P.C., Farmington Hills, MI

Immigration Staff Attorney, Sep 2014-Jun 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

(2014 - Present)

AILA Michigan Asylum Liaison Committee – Chair

(2021 - Present)

State Bar of Michigan Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

(2020 - Present)

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, Presenter for *Immigration Seminar* (Aug 2022)

Federal Bar Association, Immigration Law Conference, Panelist for *Navigating Marriage-Based I-130 Petitions* (May 2022)

Oakland Literacy Council, Presenter for *Immigration in Michigan: Myths vs. Facts* (Sep 2021)

Committee on Regional Training, Presenter for *Public Charge and the Chilling Effect* (Apr 2021)

American Immigration Lawyers Association – Michigan, Presenter for *Public Charge Rule Essentials* (Feb 2020)

Protecting Immigrant Families – Michigan, Presenter for *Public Charge Legal Advocate Training*, (Oct 2020)

Committee on Regional Training, Presenter for *Empowering Immigrant Families: Updates on Public Charge & Public Benefits for Legal Services* (Oct 2019)