

Lissette Eusebio

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EDUCATION

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami Gardens, FL

Juris Doctor

December 2012

Class Rank: Top 10%

Honors: Dean's List (Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2011); Moot Court: Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition (*Competitor*, 2012; *Recipient*, Best Brief Award, 2012); Mock Trial: Nova Southeastern University School of Law Closing Argument Competition (*Competitor*, 2012); Book Award: Immigration Litigation; St. Thomas University School of Law Merit Scholarship (*Recipient*, 2011 – 2012); St. Thomas University Law School Intercultural Human Rights Law Review (*Staff Editor*, Spring 2011); The Clinical Legal Education Association (*Recipient*, 2012 Outstanding Clinical Student Award); and DOJ Honors Program (*Recipient*, 2013).

Bar Admission: D.C., FL, Middle District and Southern District of FL. Pending in NY.

Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Bachelor of Science, Paralegal Program

May 2007

Honors: Dean's List (Fall 2005); NSU Dean's Scholarship (*Recipient*, 2005 – 2006).

Activities: NSU Paralegal Association; Caribbean Student Association.

EXPERIENCE

Hofstra Law School, Deportation Defense Clinic, Hempstead, NY

September 2017 – Present

Clinical Fellow

Co-teach immigration law seminars, supervise law students' representation of clients in removal proceedings in the detained and non-detained docket, including motion practice, bond hearings, and individual hearings/immigration trials before the Immigration Court, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and Federal Circuit Courts, and habeas petitions.

Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., Miami, FL

August 2015 – September 2017

Litigation Attorney

Litigated matters from inception through appeal in State and Federal Courts. Attended hearings, conducted depositions, and participated in mediations. Propounded and responded to discovery. Prepared case status and pretrial reports. Main focus in complex commercial litigation, premises liability, professional liability, general third-party insurance defense claims, and Section 1983 claims. Second chair in two Federal Court trials (1983 racial discrimination, and employment law case).

Department of Justice/Executive Office for Immigration Review, Miami, FL

Attorney Advisor (*DOJ Honors Program Offer Recipient*)

September 2013-August 2015

Advised the Immigration Court (detained docket) on immigration matters and statutory interpretation of state and federal statutes, regulations, international treaties, federal and state case law, and executive memorandums relating to removal proceedings and applications for relief, conducted legal research and wrote memorandums and Immigration Judges' decision regarding charges of removability, states' criminal charges, and application for reliefs such as cancellation of removal, asylum, withholding of removal, waivers, and motions to re-open and terminate, and bond/contested immigration detention. Hired and supervised interns at the Krome Immigration Court.

St. Thomas University School of Law, Admissions Department, Miami Gardens, FL

Admission Advisor

December 2012 – September 2013

Participated in committee activities; promoted the university by participating in community, state, and national events or meetings, and by developing partnerships with industry and secondary education institutions; advised students on issues such as course selection, progress toward graduation, and career decisions; participated in student recruitment, selection, and admission, making admissions recommendations when required to do so; encouraged alumni participation; reviewed registration statistics, and consulted with faculty officials to develop registration policies.

St. Thomas University School of Law, Immigration Clinic, Miami Gardens, FL

Law Student Representative/ Certified Legal Intern

August 2012 – December 2012

Appeared before Immigration Judges at Master Hearings to respond to factual allegations and charges on removal matters. Represented client at individual hearings on the issue of removal proceedings and cancellation of removal relief. Represented clients at local U.S.C.I.S. Offices during adjustment of status interview. Interviewed clients prior to master and individual hearings and reviewed files in preparation for master and individual hearings. Conducted research on deportation/removal forms of relief and filed briefs to argue before the Immigration Court at individual hearings. Prepared brief on crimes involving moral turpitude against clients' inadmissibility charge. Prepared applications for Naturalization and for relief such as Cancellation of Removal, Adjustment of Status, and Waivers.

Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, Miami, FL

Legal Intern

May 2012 – December 2012

Padilla Unit: Reviewed non-citizen defendants' files to determine the immigration consequences of any convictions or plea agreements and factual findings. Prepared the reports with recommendations and alternatives to properly advise the clients of their options and immigration consequences.

Felony Division: Attended hearings, trials, depositions, and client interviews. Assisted attorney with research for motion arguments and trial issues. Prepared Motions to Dismiss and Suppress for attorney's review and filing. Reviewed police officers' internal affair documents for use at trial. Prepared memoranda and case law charts for use at motion hearings.

Miami Immigration Court, Executive Office of Immigration Review, Miami, FL

Law Clerk

August 2011 – November 2011

Attended hearing proceedings. Conducted research to determine the outcome of motions to the court and removal proceedings. Prepared orders and opinions of the court for judge's final review and filing.

Vernis and Bowling of Miami, P.A., North Miami, FL

Paralegal

September 2009 – June 2010

Prepared discovery requests and responses. Drafted motions and subpoenas for records in the Insurance Defense Litigation Department. Scheduled hearings, depositions, and mediations. Reviewed, updated, and maintained files to ensure completion of all discovery, pending motions, and any outstanding subpoenas. Reviewed files in preparation for client status reports, regarding the status of discovery, possible settlements, and issues for trial.

Robinson and Pecaro, P.A., Davie, FL

Paralegal

November 2008 – June 2009

Prepared discovery requests, responses, motions, notice of hearings, depositions, mediations, and subpoenas for insurance defense department. Entered trial orders and maintained calendar for a senior partner. Prepared trial status report for the firm's insurance clients regarding the status of the litigation, mediations, and relevant medical records when applicable.

Luks, Santaniello, Perez, Petrillo and Gold, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Paralegal

January 2008 – June 2008

Maintained calendar for BI Insurance Defense Department. Scheduled depositions, IME, and hearings. Prepared discovery requests and responses. Reviewed and prepared files for attorney review prior to trial. Interpreted for attorney and Spanish-speaking clients.

PUBLICATION: Lissette Eusebio, *The Convention Against Torture and Third Party Abuse: When Does a Government Breach its Duty Through Acquiescence?*, Immigration Law Advisor, Vol. 9, No. 5 (May 2015).

LANGUAGES & SKILL: Fluent in Spanish. Certified in Westlaw and LexisNexis. Proficient in Corel, Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, Outlook, Client Profile, Pro Law, and Time Matters.