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Professional:

- Licensed in: State Bar of Illinois, United States District Court: Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois.
- Women's Bar Association, Member; Chicago Bar Association, Member; Hispanic Law Association, Member; American Bar Association, Member; American Health Lawyer's Association, Member; Illinois State Bar Association, Member.

Education:

California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, June 2004

- Class Standing: Top 23%, based on class standing of 50/216
- Dean's Honor List, Fall 2003, Spring 2003, Spring 2004
- Dean's Scholarship, Recipient
- Dean's Merit Scholarship for Ethnic and Cultural Diversity, Recipient
- Academic Achievement Award: Constitutional Law II, Spring 2003 (Highest Grade: 94/95)
- Academic Achievement Award: Employment Discrimination, Spring 2004 (Highest Grade: 95/95)
- Women's Law Caucus, Chairperson 2002-2003
- La Raza, Vice President, 2002-2003
- Phi Alpha Delta, Member, 2001-2003

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Science in Health Planning and Administration, Highest Honors, May 2001

- James Scholar, Honors curriculum
- Phi Kappa Phi, Honors Society for Top 10%, Member

Legal Experience:

• Bankruptcy Coverage Attorney

Of Counsel, September 2008- present. Provide legal counsel to law firms representing people filing for bankruptcy. Appear in court and for 341 meetings on behalf of bankruptcy clients.

• Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc., Deerfield, IL.

Corporate Attorney, July 2006 – October, 2008. Provided legal counsel to Takeda's research and development teams. Supported the research and development of several of Takeda's compounds. Negotiated clinical trial agreements, drafted power's of attorney, and assisted clients in all their day to day clinical matters. Lead attorney for Takeda's European initiative. Drafted and negotiated Takeda's global master agreements with a wide variety of vendors, including Takeda's preferred providers. Provided legal counsel to clients in a wide variety of licensing, intellectual property and contract matters.

• Epstein Becker & Green P.C., Chicago, IL.

Associate, December 2005- July 2006. Provided legal counsel to food and drug companies in their compliance with Federal Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulations. Assisted pharmaceutical companies in submitting and securing FDA drug approval. Assisted clients in the research and development of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, homeopathic drugs, and dietary supplements. Reviewed drug, food, and cosmetic labeling, advertising, and promotional materials to ensure their compliance with FDA and FTC regulations. Responded to warning letters and inspectional observations of FDA. Drafted licensing, royalty and distributorship agreements. Provided guidance to clients in

intellectual property matters, such as determining patent and trademark availability, filing for registrations with USPTO, and responding to office actions.

• **Weaver Law Group, LLC** Chicago, IL.

Associate, May 2005-December 2005 when Weaver Law Group merged with Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. Provided legal counsel on trademark, copyright, patent and FDA regulatory matters. Provided clients with counsel and guidance in complying with FDA, FTC, DEA, and USDA federal regulations. Assisted clients in submitting and securing FDA product approval. Assisted clients in developing pharmaceutical, cosmetic, and food labeling and promotional materials that are in compliance with FDA regulations. Provided counsel to clients in complying with FDA's Bioterrorism Act of 2002 Regulations. Conducted extensive legal research on intellectual property issues; particularly drafted trademark and service mark research reports and advised clients on trademark and service mark availability. Drafted and reviewed licensing, royalty, and distributorship agreements. File trademark registrations, responses to office actions, letters of protest, and statements of use with the USPTO.

• **Codilis & Associates P.C.**, Burr Ridge, IL

Bankruptcy Associate, November 2004- May 2005. Handled a high volume of caseload and presented multiple motions in court three to four days per week. Was responsible for court calls for three judges. Reviewed chapter 7 and chapter 13 motions, petitions, and proofs of claim. Attended 341 meetings to ensure that client's rights were not adversely affected in the bankruptcy. Negotiated with opposing counsel on court matters. Performed legal research and prepared responses to opposing counsel's motions. Prepared draft orders. Reviewed foreclosure referrals to ensure their compliance with Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

• **Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition**, College Park, MD
Legal Intern, Office of Regulation and Policy, September 2003-April 2004.

Assisted in the writing, revising, and implementation of Registration and Prior Notice Interim Final Rules Implementing the Bioterrorism Act of 2002. Drafted relevant guidance documents. Assisted in outreach programs designed to aid and educate stakeholders affected by Act's new regulations. Developed talking points on the two rules FDA published, to be used by Agency speakers in worldwide presentations on the Bioterrorism Act. Determined if stakeholders were in compliance with these new regulations. Reported to Leslye M. Fraser, Director for the Office of Regulations and Policy.

• **Professor Robert A. Bohrer**, San Diego, CA

Research Assistant, January 2003-May 2003.

Selected based on academic achievement to research cases, statutes, and documents regarding biotechnology law. Researched Food and Drug Administration's Guidance Documents. Reported findings to Professor Robert A. Bohrer, executive editor of Biotechnology Law Report who used this research in writing his articles.

• **Community Center for Health Education and Advocacy**, San Diego, CA

Research Intern, May 2002-July 2002.

Researched California health codes and statutes and reviewed clients' denials of health care to determine if they were properly denied coverage. Reported findings to supervisor and attorney.

• **Tutor**, California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA. August 2002-May 2003.

Selected based on academic achievement to tutor first year law students in their coursework.