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EXPERIENCE

IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY

Goldenberg Law Firm, P.A.

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MAY 2000 - PRESENT

Minneapolis, MN

- Assist businesses seeking to hire professional foreign workers in permanent and temporary positions, including software engineers, professors, and extraordinary musicians and professionals in the EB-1 category.
- National Interest Waiver of Labor Certification Process approved for software engineer developing translation devices for soldiers currently in Iraq.
- Special Immigrant Religious Worker matters, Motions filed to reopen/reconsider adverse decisions, successfully rehabilitating denied cases handled by other firms or without counsel.
- Provide immigration and visa processing representation to individuals and families at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the U.S. Department of State through consular processing.
- Prepare very detailed analysis of immigration-related consequences of criminal convictions as requested by criminal defense attorneys, including the effect on removal/deportation, admissibility/inadmissibility and naturalization.
- Drafted Code of Ethical Conduct for the Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.
- Member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the national bar association for immigration practitioners.
- Ordained by the Church of Spiritual Humanism and licensed by State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin.
- Admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits, prepared and filed briefs in Eighth Circuit, prepared and argued case in Seventh Circuit, prepared brief in Fifth Circuit.
- Manage all aspects of a solo practice with emphasis on immigration law.
- Built firm from zero cases to a viable small business that generates referrals from past and current clients who appreciate personal, attentive and professional expertise in a highly complicated, volatile and fluid area of federal law.
- A-V rated by Martindale Hubbell and recognized in The Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.
- Honored by Civil Society for *Outstanding Performance in Fighting Human Trafficking*.
- General Press:
 - December 16, 2008 at 3:55pm, *The Houston Press*, “**Hispanics Delivered by Border Midwives Are Having Trouble Getting U.S. Passports,**” Post-9/11 worries target South Texas, **Chris Vogel**;
 - March 2006 *Minneapolis StarTribune* “**The fight against modern-day slavery,**” Heron Marquez Estrada;
 - March 2006 *Minnesota Public Radio* interview, “**Human trafficking has come to Minnesota,**” Marisa Helms;
 - June 2003, *City Pages*, “**Love, marriage, and the maddening plight of a Russian bride-For Better, Then Worse.**” David Schimke.

Civil Society-contract immigration attorney

2001-2004

Minneapolis, MN

- Represent clients at immigration proceedings including motion hearings, N-648 exemptions and naturalization interviews culminating in invitation to attend citizenship ceremony.

- Interview clients and formulate potential issues, draft all appropriate documents and conduct limited legal research as required.
- Received additional referrals based upon positive client feedback.
- Recognized for ability to put clients at ease in extremely stressful situations, for successfully pursuing alternative case strategies and for exceeding agency expectations for exceptional client service.
- Presenter at Civil Society workshops for domestic abuse advocates, educating advocates on rights and remedies available to immigrant women living with domestic abuse.
- Author of article and materials used at training workshops.

MANAGING PARTNER AND VOLUNTEER IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY
Goldenberg & Goldenberg, P. A.

1986-1999
Minneapolis, MN

- Advise partnership on general employment matters to ensure compliance with current laws and regulations.
- Consult with attorneys on case strategies and legal theories for personal injury practice.
- Investigate and make recommendations on potential ethical and conflicts issues.
- Research, coordinate and standardize office systems including software, hardware, office protocol, financial reporting and marketing strategies.
- Edit court and client documents, write firm newsletters and help develop professional and coordinated marketing materials for firm.
- Survey clients, assess firm's image and performance and lead efforts to implement recommendations.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
Barr & Clays

1984-1986
Minneapolis, MN

- Advised clients on business, trademark, family law and consumer issues. Drafted successful Court of Appeals brief on spousal maintenance issue. Managed the practice and clients within this firm.

LAW CLERK
Robins, Zelle, Larson & Kaplan
O'Neill, Burke & O'Neill

1983-1984
 1982-1983

- Research, writing and drafting memoranda on medical malpractice, successor corporation, personal injury, sexual harassment and criminal issues.

EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

J.D. 1984

- *William Mitchell Law Review*, Staff Writer, 1982-1983

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

B. A. ECONOMICS, 1980

- *Completed course work in Masters of Business Taxation Program, 1985-1986*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Temple Israel Board of Trustees

2nd Term, 1999-2001

- Minneapolis Jewish Federation Board of Trustees

1999-2002

- Jewish Family & Children's Service, Volunteer immigration attorney 1998 - present
- Delegate, DFL nominating convention 2006
- *Various other event-chair, fundraising/pro bono and committee work for Twin Cities organizations including Girl Scouts, Breck School, candidates for public office and Minneapolis Jewish Community Center. (Ongoing)*