

SHARAN DHANOA

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EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA: JD May 2012. *Admission to CA Bar 2012.*

Activities: Associate, Journal International Law; Member, Women & Law; Member, South Asian Law Students Assoc.

London School of Economics and Political Science: MSc Criminology, 2005

University of California, San Diego: BA Sociology, Area of Focus Visual Arts, 2001

On campus Activities: Women's Rugby Team- President (1999-2000), Secretary (1998-1999), player (1997-2001)

Awards: *Modern Day Abolitionist of the Year 2015* (presented by SF Dept. Status Women, SFCAHT, SFHRC)

Pro Bono Student of the Year 2012; Recipient Women & Law Scholarship, Best Oral Argument - Appellate Advocacy; Witkin Award in International Human Rights; Recipient, Gerald Moore Scholarship; International Law Certificate

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Jose Pericles Umali (Part-time)

7/13- Present

Associate

Criminal cases- typically gang or juvenile homicide. Research and draft memos and motions for indigent clients.

Investigate facts for trial preparation, conducting client interviews, strategizing and discovery compliance assessments.

South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, Santa Clara, CA (Part-time)

2/11 - Present

Coalition Coordinator

Lead coordinator for collaboration of 40+ agencies and work groups consisting of law enforcement, victim services, outreach agencies, private attorneys, and public service attorneys. Developed work group action plans and direct work groups with specific tasks including: managing volunteers, advocacy events, trainings, brochure development, press releases/conferences, minutes, agendas, and grant compliance. Created a comprehensive human trafficking intake form for local non-profits and agencies providing legal services. Provided inter-agency mediation. Developed protocol on assisting survivors through process of prosecution of their trafficker. Initiated and direct cross-county collaborative group working on unified anti-trafficking efforts for the 2016 Super Bowl. Developed No Traffic Ahead project website.

Santa Clara District Attorney, San Jose, CA (Fulltime Internship)

Certified Law Clerk /Volunteer DDA - Law and Motions/Misdemeanor Units

8/12 – 12/12; 12/12-1/13

Court Appearances: 995, 1538.5, *Romero*, Motion for Factual Innocence, and prepared for preliminary hearings.

Researched and drafted memos and motions including: ~sixty page 1538.5 response involving GPS tracking devices, argued standing in 10 defendant case; whether adult remanded down to juvenile court is eligible for juvenile fitness hearing, a sample complaint using Red Light Abatement Act to abate massage establishments; *Brady* obligations with regards to Victim Witness Advocates; Officer Involved Shooting Assessment; memo on closed homicide cases and their discovery compliance with regards to recent discovery of sexual assault kits.

Certified Law Clerk - Gang Unit (Part-time Internship)

1/12 – 5/12

Court Appearances: 995, *Romero*, 17(b), prepared for preliminary hearings. Court observation. Assisted in case investigation – i.e., Mapped cell phone pings for event chronology, researched unique issues during homicide trial.

Researched and drafted: motions *in limine* character evidence, sample jury questionnaire, 827 juvenile petition, whether Crime Omnibus Act applied to disclosure of Field ID Cards.

San Francisco District Attorney, San Francisco, CA (Part-time Internship)

9/11 – 12/11

Certified Law Clerk – Child Assault Unit

Researched and drafted: 995 responses, evaluated and summarized MDIs, discovery compliance, whether 290 sex offender registration is permissible upon parole revocation when underlying offense linked to parole is not sexually related, tertiary DNA Transference, motions *in limine* specific to child victims, cross examination for expert witness.

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Becker and Lee Immigration, San Francisco, CA (Fulltime, Summer Internship) 6/11 – 8/11

Legal Intern

Assisted with family immigration petitions: U-Visas, employment, adjustment of status I -130, I-485. Researched and drafted memos: gang association, asylum credibility under the REAL ID Act. Interviewed clients, drafted declarations.

Jay Sagar Associates, Bangalore, India (Fulltime, Summer Internship) 6/10 – 8/10

Legal Intern

Researched and wrote a comprehensive chapter for textbook on outsourcing services in India; a practical guide for lawyers advising clients from the U.S. and U.K. in outsourcing business processes to India. Researched and participated in discussions regarding the potential for American firm opening offices in India, and defense procurement opportunities in the U.S. for Indian companies. Edited and assisted in drafting outsourcing contract.

National Council on Crime & Delinquency, Oakland, CA (Fulltime) 10/07- 8/08; 4/02 – 9/04

Research Associate II

Research topics included disproportionate minority confinement, gang legislation and intervention, and Asian and Pacific Islander youth delinquency. Successful grant research, writing proposals, and compliance. Participated in community groups, organized and led youth and adult focus groups, and conducted interviews and surveys. Wrote reports/publications and presented findings at conferences and meetings to professionals and community members.

SpectraTek Corporation, Mountain View, CA (Fulltime) 3/07 – 11/07

Operations/Sales Associate

Assisted in sales of crime surveillance tools, e.g. GPS tracking devices and surveillance vans. Presented products to law enforcement. Staffed booth at conferences in U.S. (CNOA) and U.K. Processed orders. Assisted in accounting.

St. Helena Center for Behavioral Health, Vallejo, CA (Per Diem) 12/05 – 12/07

Admissions Specialist

Processed admissions in a non-profit emergency psychiatric hospital. Familiarity with psychiatric/medical conditions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Destiny Reflection, Kolkata, India 1/09 – 3/09; 1/12 – Present

Current Board Member/Volunteer

Deferred enrolling in law school to volunteer for a non-profit, income generation project serving young women at-risk of sex trafficking. Compiled organization's first progress report, evaluated the organization's structure, operation and capacity, and made recommendations for growth. Provided life skills training: implemented an employment journal, and provided training on building a professional reputation. Collected donations to distribute to NGOs and impoverished communities in the Sunderbans. Currently assist in strategic planning decisions.

South Asian Bar Association Legal Advice Clinic, Santa Clara, CA 10/11 – 12/13

Assist attorney with free legal clinics held at various community centers, providing free legal advice to community members. Volunteer at various South Asian Bar Association events and trainings.

Legal Services Children, San Francisco, CA 5/11 – 11/12

Assisted pro bono attorney with a successful political asylum petition for a minor. Interpreter in all interviews with client including DHS Asylum Interview. Recently assisted with potential trafficking victim, acting as interpreter.

Amit Zutshi Foundation, Fremont, CA 3/08 – 12/12

Researched and presented findings on lack of regulation and risks associated with the herbal supplements industry. Presented at the Foundation's Opening meeting. Present at meetings to various public representatives upon request.

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

Languages: Punjabi - conversational; Hindi – working knowledge; German – working knowledge, Spanish - novice.

Interests: Indian Cooking, Yoga, Woodworking, International Travel, “Consequential Strangers.”