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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law  
Director, Federal Appellate Immigration Clinic

**Baltimore, MD**

2022 — present  
2022 — present

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## EDUCATION

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### Yale Law School

J.D. 2014

Skadden Fellow

Charles G. Albom Prize for excellence in appellate advocacy in a clinical program

### Harvard College

A.B., *summa cum laude*, 2008

Comparative Study of Religion, minor in government, Spanish language citation

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Law Review Articles

*Immigration Exceptionalism and the Executive Branch* (in progress)

*Abandoning Deportation Adjudication* (in progress)

### Shorter Works

*Perspective: The Battle Over Immigration Policy*, [MARYLAND CAREY LAW MAGAZINE](#) (Nov. 29, 2023)

*The border comes to Baltimore*, [BALTIMORE SUN](#) (May 22, 2023)

*Seeking asylum, locked up by Trump*, [NEW YORK DAILY NEWS](#) (Dec. 17, 2017) (with Paige Austin)

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## SELECT LITIGATION

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- *Garcia Pinach v. Garland*, 24-26 (2d Cir. filed Dec. 28, 2023) (challenging Board of Immigration Appeals' denial of petitioner's motion to reopen presenting new medical evidence relevant to petitioner's claims for immigration relief) (pending)
- *Vera Punin v. Garland*, 22-6275 (2d Cir. argued Mar. 4, 2024) (challenging alienage evidence on which ICE relied to carry its burden of proof in removal proceedings) (pending)
- *Ortega-Cordova v. Garland*, 22-1700 (4th Cir. argued May 9, 2024) (representing amicus The Sex Worker Project of the Urban Justice Center in challenging designation of offenses related to sex work as crimes involving moral turpitude) (pending)
- *Benitez v. Garland*, 18-3460 (2d Cir. Aug. 10, 2021) (secured stipulated remand in case challenging Trump-era immigration policy precluding immigration courts from using administrative closure)
- *Akre v. Garland*, 855 F. App'x 59 (2d Cir. 2021) (reversing agency's denial of asylum based on its finding that petitioner could relocate with Côte d'Ivoire)
- *Millan-Hernandez v. Barr*, 965 F.3d 140 (2d Cir. 2020) (reversing agency's denial of a suppression hearing)

- *Velasco Lopez v. Decker*, 978 F.3d 842 (2d Cir. 2020) (holding that due process requires the government to bear the burden of proof at bond hearings in immigration court once immigration detention becomes prolonged)
- *Arellano v. Barr*, 19-4321 (2d Cir. Jul. 28, 2020) (secured stipulated remand in asylum and Convention Against Torture case involving domestic violence survivor from Mexico)
- *Joseph v. Barr*, 19-2897 (2d Cir. Jan. 24, 2020) (secured stipulated remand in case challenging whether New York statute of conviction is a categorical match with a firearms removal ground in the INA)
- *Cristian A.R. v. Decker*, 453 F. Supp. 3d 670 (D.N.J. 2020) (ordering the immediate release of people held in immigration detention due to their vulnerabilities to COVID-19)
- *Coronel v. Decker*, 449 F. Supp. 3d 274 (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (second decision in the nation to order the immediate release of people held in immigration detention due to their vulnerabilities to COVID-19)
- *Hernandez v. New York*, 99 N.Y.S.3d 795 (App. Div. 3d Dep't 2019) (striking down exclusion of farmworkers from New York's labor relations law)
- *L.V.M. v. Lloyd*, 318 F. Supp. 3d 601 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) (certifying class of immigration children in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement and enjoining policy delaying their release from custody)
- *Abdi v. Duke*, 280 F. Supp. 3d 373 (W.D.N.Y. 2017) (issuing class-wide preliminary injunction requiring ICE to follow its parole policy)

## PAST EMPLOYMENT

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<b>The Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>
Supervising Attorney	2021 — 2022
Staff Attorney	2019 — 2021
<b>New York Civil Liberties Union</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>
Staff Attorney	2017 — 2019
Skadden Fellow	2014 — 2017
<b>Bain &amp; Company</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>
Senior Associate Consultant	2010 — 2011
Associate Consultant	2008 — 2010

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