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EDUCATION & LICENSES

Santa Clara University School of Law – *Juris Doctorate* – May 2004

- Honors: Dean's Certificate of Excellence in Legal Analysis, Research and Writing, 2001 - 2002
CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Legal Analysis, Research, & Writing, Spring 2002
Santa Clara University School of Law, Public Interest Resource Center – Pro Bono Plaque, 2002-2003, 2003-2004
- Publications: *What is Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSBP)?* 23 A.B.A. Child Law Practice 2 (A.B.A. Center on Child, and the Law, Washington, D.C.), Apr. 2004 at 30.
- Leadership: Academic Success Program – Advisory Committee Student Representative, 2003-2004;
Property Session Leader, 2002
Fresh Lifelines for Youth – Mentor, 2002-2004
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association – Vice Pres. External Affairs, 2002-2003
- Moot Court: Honors Competitor, Spring 2003; External Competitor, Spring 2003, Spring 2004

University of California, Los Angeles – *B.A., Political Science, B.A., Asian American Studies* – December 2000

- Honors: Provost Honors (Dean's List), College of Letters and Science
- Publications: "The Journey: Asian Immigrant to Asian American Professional" – chosen to be placed in the UCLA Asian American Studies Center Reading Room

Bar Admissions: California State Bar, number 233847 – *December 2004 - Present*

United States District Court, Central District of California – *December 2004 – Present*

Licenses: Temporary Florida Educator's Certificate, Social Science Grades 6-12 (FL DOE# 1398135)

GENERAL EXPERIENCE

Balotro, LLC

Founder and President

October 2016 - Present

- Design organized luxury work handbags for professionals, source materials from Italian companies, work with Italian pattern makers to fine tune the original designs, and review prototypes and samples for development of first line of products
- Work with graphic designer to develop Balotro Brand Book (including logo, fonts, color palette, and general guidelines for all marketing materials), social media graphics, and imagery for the brand and website
- Took an Italian handbag-making course and implemented design concepts into handbag designs, including specific materials, stitches, hardware, and patterns to use in designing handbag line to ensure utmost product design and quality

Horse and Chaise Rentals and Property Management, Inc.

Director of Public Relations

June 2016 - October 2016

- Established social media presence to increase client and customer engagement, to introduce staff to the existing and potential clients, and highlighted available property available for both annual and seasonal rental
- Represented Horse and Chaise while volunteering with Venice Main Street, Inc. to prepare for community events, strategize how to increase local resident and business participation in local events, and prepare Horse and Chaise donations for different community events
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

San Diego County District Attorney's Office

Deputy District Attorney I, II, III

Jan. 2007 - Jun. 2016

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases in San Diego County Superior Courts. Represented the People of the State of California in 11 Felony Jury Trials, 8 Misdemeanor Jury Trials, 1 Grand Jury, 1 Competency Hearing, and numerous Preliminary Hearings and Motions
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- Revamped the North County Motions Unit to be more efficient and effective in responding to motions, and improved communication with court to maximize timeliness of court's calendar
- Interviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations of potential candidates to the Summer Law Clerk Hiring Committee after participating in On Campus Interviews at various law schools
- Volunteered with UCSD to explain the job of a prosecutor within the criminal justice system, and provide advice about law school and a legal career to college students interested in becoming lawyers
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San Diego County Office of the Primary Public Defender

Deputy Public Defender I, II, Law Clerk

Dec. 2004 - Dec. 2006

- Represented indigent defendants in 13 misdemeanor trials and 23 motions in San Diego County Superior Courts. Counseled and represented clients for misdemeanor arraignments, settlement conferences, trials, sentencing hearings, post-conviction proceedings, and restitution and probation revocation hearings
- Researched, wrote, investigated cases, and negotiated plea agreements with prosecutors and the Court
- Supervised Certified Law Clerks in the Misdemeanor Trial Teams in Central and East County Branches

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of California – Criminal Division

Certified Law Clerk

Jan. 2004 - Apr. 2004

- Prosecuted misdemeanor cases in Federal Court. Responsibilities included filing charging documents, negotiating plea agreements with defense counsel, pretrial preparation, and trial
- Discussed charges with defendants cited with infractions, investigated cases, interviewed witnesses, and evaluated cases to determine acceptable fines

Justice Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian – California Court of Appeals, Sixth District

Certified Law Clerk

Sept. 2003 - Nov. 2003

- Researched and wrote appellate opinions in criminal and civil cases after reviewing appellate briefs, trial records, and other documents
- Observed oral arguments before the California Sixth District Court of Appeals

Office of the Attorney General, State of California - Appeals, Writs, & Trials section, Criminal Division

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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – San Francisco District Office

Law Clerk

Jun. 2002 - Aug. 2002

- Drafted memorandum on duties that qualify employees as supervisors to establish employer's vicarious liability in Title VII cases; drafted discovery and joint conference management hearing pleadings, attended depositions and negotiations seminar

VOLUNTEERING & ACTIVITIES

Windwood Homeowners Association – Treasurer and Director at Large (Nokomis, FL)	2017 - Present
Grace United Methodist Church Preschool Board of Directors (Venice, FL)	2017 - 2019
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INTERESTS

Health and Wellness, Sprint Duathlons, Running, Hiking, Traveling, and Exploring Florida

Profile

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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Architectural Review Board: Submitted

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a misdemeanor offense?☐ Yes ☒ No**If yes, give details:**

I believe in 1997 (sometime in my early years of college), I pleaded guilty to a speeding ticket in Los Banos County, CA. I was driving from Southern CA to Northern CA, not paying attention to my speed. I cannot recall whether this offense was an infraction or a misdemeanor but thought it best to disclose it. The records have since been long destroyed and I am unaware of how to find out further details of the incident.

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony?☐ Yes ☒ No

Demographics**Are you a city resident?**☒ Yes ☐ No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

4 years

Do you own property within the City of Venice?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Ethnicity

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender

☒ Female

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list:

Architectural Review Board

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Given all of the new development in the City of Venice, I want to be a voice and representative of my peers and fellow residents. Venice is attracting numerous types of families, young and retirees alike, who will be populating our new developments, parks, libraries, restaurants, schools, and other public spaces. I want to help in the planning of the City and how to best utilize the available and existing land in order to continue to attract and embrace the diverse and growing population. My husband, who grew up in Venice, brought our family back from the West Coast, and we truly enjoy it here. As an invested and proud resident of the City of Venice, I hope to share this joy with all members of the community in an organized and thoughtful way for our residents.

Resume of Education and Experience:

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Member of the Following Organizations:

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Question applies to Architectural Review Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Architectural Review Board

Are you a registered architect in the state of Florida?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Acknowledgements