

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Member, Colorado State Bar 2010
Member, 10th Circuit Federal Court Bar 2007
Member, New Mexico State Bar 2006

EXPERIENCE

MILSTEIN LAW OFFICE, Practicing Attorney, 2009 – Present

- Practice focused on representing immigrant workers in class action labor rights litigation.
 - **Awards:** SuperLawyers Rising Star; Wage Justice Champion Award for longstanding commitment to empowering immigrant workers. 2016

YOUTZ AND VALDEZ, P.C., Attorney, 2006-2009

- Labor and Civil Rights litigation practice. Represented labor unions and immigrant workers in cases brought under the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, The New Mexico Minimum Wage Act, Title VII and the New Mexico Human Rights Act as well as victims of police abuse and misconduct in § 1983 and constitutional claims.

SOMOS UN PUEBLO UNIDO, Registered Lobbyist, 2009

- Organized coalition of labor, faith and community groups to propose and enact anti-wage theft amendments to the New Mexico Minimum Wage Act.

COMMON CAUSE, Registered Lobbyist, 2009

- Successfully lobbied for organization's ethics reform legislation during 2009 New Mexico legislative session.

NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, Analyst, Senate Judiciary Committee, 2007

- Provided legal analysis of legislation coming before the committee to member senators.

COMMON CAUSE, Pubic Accountability and Smart Growth Project, 2007

- Researched and composed report investigating link between political contributions and development industry-friendly legislation.

NEW MEXICO CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY, Seth Montgomery Fellow, 2005

- Collaborated with staff attorneys, community groups, and labor unions to bring impact litigation on behalf of New Mexico's immigrant community.

MIGRANT FARMWORKER DIVISION, COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES, Legal Intern, 2004

- Provided advocacy and legal services to migrant farmworker community in Colorado's San Luis Valley.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW and LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Juris Doctor with honors (2006)

Master of Arts, Latin American Studies with honors (2006)

- **Honors:** Dean's List (2004-2006); Thesis Honors; Order of the Coif; Distinguished Performance in Masters Degree Comprehensive Examinations (2003).
- **Scholarships and Awards:** Margaret Keiper Dailey Award; for awareness of social problems, concern for people in trouble and dedication to a professional responsibility to provide equal justice for all (2006); Fellowship, Title VI, U.S. Department of Education-Foreign Language Area Studies (2004-2006); Scholarship, Gilkey & Stephenson, for Excellence in Employment and Labor Law (2005); Scholarship, Richard A. Gonzales, for Excellence in Labor Law (2006); New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association Scholarship (2006); Fellowship, Association of Public Interest Law Students (2005); Graduate Assistantship for promising Graduate Students, Latin American Institute (2002-2003).
- **Extracurricular Activities and Leadership:** Jessup International Moot Court Competition (2005); Co-founder, American Constitution Society (ACS) UNM student chapter (2005); Co-founder and Chair, UNM Law and Society student organization (2003-2006); Founder and President, UNM Fair Trade Initiative (2002-2004); Member, Interdisciplinary Committee for Latin American Studies, UNM (2002-2006); Council Member, Graduate and Professional Student Association, UNM (2003-2004); Board Member, Southwest Regional Representative, United Students for Fair Trade (2003-2004).

THE COLORADO COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts, International Political Economy and Central American Studies; May 1998

- Pi Gamma Mu, Social Sciences Honor Society, 1997-1998
- Dean's List, 1996-1998

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Published report for *Common Cause* on the New Mexico development industry's political campaign contributions. 2007
- Published article in *The Humanist* (1999) and in *Las Noticias* (2002) exploring the coffee industry and the indigenous peoples' rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Spanish fluency

VOLUNTEERISM

- **Teacher**, Vail Mountain School (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001)
 - Implemented bilingual summer educational program for migrant students.
- **Peace Corps Volunteer** (1999-2000)
 - Coordinated sustainable farming project in rural Honduras.