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EDUCATION

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL — Los Angeles, California
Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2028
Concentration: Entertainment, Media, and Sports Law
Relevant Courses: Copyright, Mass Media Law, Contracts I, II, Influencer Law; in progress: Entertainment Law, Music Industry Contracts I, Unscripted TV Production Law, Business Associations
Achievements: CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Mass Media Law (highest grade), Summer 2026
Student Activities: Entertainment, Music, Intellectual Property, Sports, Real Estate & Christian Law Societies
Founder & President, Energy & Natural Resources Law Society
Staff Editor, Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO — Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, June 2023

EXPERIENCE

LOS ANGELES CITY LAW, APLC — Los Angeles, California
Litigation Law Clerk & Certified Law Student, June 2026 – Present
Practice Areas: Personal injury, wrongful death, employment (wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wage-and-hour), insurance bad faith, statutory violations, common law claims

- Handle law and motion practice in Superior Courts statewide for a high-volume plaintiff-side firm, drafting motions, oppositions, and replies for multiple attorneys on tight, shifting deadlines
- Draft oppositions to motions for summary judgment, including memoranda of points and authorities, responsive separate statements, and supporting declarations and exhibits
- Draft complaints, motions to compel, and ex parte applications with supporting papers under the Code of Civil Procedure, Evidence Code, and California Rules of Court
- Draft written discovery and settlement demands; review opposing discovery responses and filings for deficiencies
- Research niche and unsettled areas of California law on Westlaw/Lexis and report findings to supervising attorneys
- Support trial preparation and trial, researching evidentiary and procedural issues such as preservation of objections, in-court remedies, and grounds for mistrial
- Schedule hearings, track deadlines, and communicate directly with clients on case status and discovery

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL — Los Angeles, California
Teaching Assistant, July 2026 – Present

- Conduct research, host office hours, and assist peers for Professor Andrew Gilden (Property – SCALE Q3)

Research Assistant, May 2026 – Present

- Develop and improve course materials (e.g., PowerPoint slides) for Professor Hila Keren (Contracts I, II)

Library Assistant, May 2026 – Present

- Assist patrons/guests at law school library circulation desk with research questions and library use

JORGENSEN, BROWNELL & PEPIN, P.C. — Denver, Colorado
Paralegal, October 2023 – July 2025

- Served as primary client contact across a large caseload of personal injury, wrongful death, insurance bad faith, and statutory violation matters, managing case posture from intake through resolution
- Built damages presentations from the ground up, synthesizing medical records, billing, accident reports, and digital evidence into detailed chronologies and valuations supporting demand/settlement negotiations
- Prepared pre-litigation/litigation documents such as demands, pleadings, and written discovery responses

VOLUNTEERING: **MUSICALLY FED** *Volunteer*, October 2026 – Present

- Deliver food donations from entertainment venues to community centers and charities around Los Angeles, California

SKILLS: Westlaw/Lexis, contract redlining, civil litigation, Microsoft Office, AI, legal research/writing
LANGUAGES: English (native), Indonesian (intermediate), Latin (intermediate)
INTERESTS: Live music, unscripted television, traveling, geography, hiking, Christianity, family/friends