

Gina Starfield

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BAR ADMISSION and EDUCATION

Law License: New York State

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

J.D., *Cum Laude*, May 2022

Awards: 2022 David Grossman Exemplary Clinical Student Award; Equal Justice America Fellowship, Summer 2021; 2021 Clinical Legal Education Association Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project; Chayes International Public Service Fellowship, Summer 2020.

Harvard FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Cambridge, MA

Child Protection Certificate Program, 2020-2021.

University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, *with Distinction*, July 2017

Awards: Archibald Jackson Prize 2017; Clarendon Scholarship; 2016 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, U.S., District 1.

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, in Ethnicity, Race & Migration; and Political Science, May 2016

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa; Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellowship; Cohen Public Service Fellowship.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, New York, NY, present

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Clinical Teaching Fellow and Visiting Clinical Instructor

Core responsibilities include deportation defense in immigration court and federal and state courts; impact litigation and advocacy projects with immigrant community-based and national advocacy organizations; supervision of clinic students on litigation and advocacy projects; and assistance in teaching and administering the clinic seminar.

The Door's Legal Services Center, New York, NY, 2022-2025

Staff Attorney, former Norton Rose Fulbright Fellow, Immigration Law

Provide comprehensive legal services for immigrant New Yorkers ages 12-24; screen clients for immigration relief; defend young immigrants in removal proceedings; represent them in Family Court and affirmative and defensive asylum applications; prepare and file special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) petitions, employment authorization and adjustment of status applications; connect young immigrants to housing, medical and mental health support. Draft city council testimony, KYRs and public comments on proposed federal regulations. Supervise, train and hire summer legal interns; train and provide technical assistance to law firm associates taking on pro bono cases.

Harvard Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Clinic (HIRC), Cambridge, MA, 2020-2022

Clinical Student

Drafted Family Court motions and affidavits for SIJS petitioner, and briefs, declarations and country conditions for defensive asylum application. Assisted in filing class action *habeas* petition for women subject to non-consensual gynecological procedures while in ICE detention and prepared T-Visa and U-Visa applications for two class members.

Harvard Immigration Project (HIP), Cambridge, MA, 2019-2022

Co-President; Co-Policy Director; Immigration Services Project Member

Wrote public comments on behalf of HIRC and HIP objecting to federal rule changes proposed by the Department of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services; organized and edited a report with Project South on the atrocities experienced by over 50 women subject to medical abuse in detention; drafted and edited white paper, *Shelter from the Storm: Policy Options to Address Climate Induced Migration from the Northern Triangle*, April 2021.

The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY, Summer 2021

Legal Intern, Civil Practice, Immigration Law Unit, Youth Project

Prepared Family Court filings and appeared before the Family Court on behalf of youth seeking SIJS; drafted asylum office submissions and prepared unaccompanied children for asylum office interviews; conducted intake screenings for unaccompanied children released from Office of Refugee Resettlement custody.

Al Otro Lado, Tijuana, Mexico, Summer 2020

Legal Intern, Border Rights Project

Assisted migrants subject to the Migrant Protection Protocol; drafted asylum applications, declarations, motions for bond, motions to change venue, and country conditions research on religious persecution in El Salvador. Researched Title 42 border closure for potential lawsuit.

The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY, 2017–2019

Paralegal, Juvenile Rights Practice, Special Litigation and Law Reform Unit

Drafted letters to city and state agencies alleging illegal conduct in state facilities, including residential treatment centers; interviewed and identified potential child plaintiffs; conducted policy and legal research for class action litigation in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems; and assisted in drafting court submissions and reviewing administrative records for SIJS and family separation class action litigation in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, Switzerland, Summer 2016

Intern, Multi-lateral Processes Division, International Cooperation and Partnerships Department

Drafted and edited papers and concept notes for the Global Forum on Migration and Development, UNESCO Consultative Meeting, and the 19th September UN General Assembly high-level plenary session.

Legal Resources Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, Summer 2015

Legal Intern, Refugee Law Division

Drafted submissions to the High Court of South Africa for asylum seeker from Democratic Republic of the Congo. Conducted asylum intakes and advised asylum seekers and refugees on exercising their legal rights.

PUBLICATIONS

“A ‘Binary Choice’ for Families in ICE Detention: Examining the Legitimation Costs of Litigating the Flores Settlement Agreement,” *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, vol. 36, no. 1, 2021.

“Forging Strategic Partnerships: How civil organisers and lawyers helped unaccompanied children cross the English Channel and reunite with family members,” *Refugee Studies Centre Working Paper Series 133*, 2020.

“Applying the Dublin Regulation to the family reunification of unaccompanied children in the absence of official asylum claims,” *European Database of Asylum Law*, August 11, 2017.

“Children and Migration in the Sustainable Development Goals,” in *Migration in the 2030 Agenda*, IOM, 2017.

“The Role of Female Quotas and Female Activism in Passing Gender-Based Violence Legislation in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Cornell International Affairs Review*, fall 2016.

LANGUAGE and OTHER EXPERIENCE

Spanish (fluent)

Echo100 Plus, volunteer, Thessaloniki, Greece, March 2017

Coordinated and assisted with food and clothing distribution at the Ritsona Refugee Camp.

Something Extra, Yale University’s selective 16-member a cappella ensemble, 2012-2015.