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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Clinical Assistant Professor

Director, Entrepreneurship and Community Law Clinic

July 2024-Present

- Designed, launched, and direct a transactional clinic, including curriculum development, pedagogical design, supervision structures, client intake systems, and community partnerships.
- Supervise students in the provision of a broad range of transactional legal services, including contract drafting and review, corporate structuring and entity formation, regulatory compliance (including privacy), and trademark registration.
- Direct clinic operations and collaborate on policy projects and technical assistance initiatives with partner organizations in California's Central Valley.
- Oversee the provision of supervised one-hour legal consultations to low-income entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- Design, present, and supervise students in community legal education workshops for partner organizations, including the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, the Multicultural Institute, and the Central Valley Women's Entrepreneur Center.
- Raised \$190,000 within one year to support clinic operations, student travel, and community-based transactional legal services.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Clinical Supervising Attorney, New Business Law and Community Clinic

July 2021-June 2024

Clinical Fellow

October 2020- July 2021

- Designed and taught seminars and skills-based trainings on transactional law and related topics, as well as a separate seminar on cultural competency with a focus on Spanish-speaking clients.
- Provided direct transactional legal representation to low-income entrepreneurs, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community groups, with primary responsibility for all aspects of client matters, including entity formation, governance, contracts, regulatory compliance, and risk assessment.
- Taught, trained, and supervised law students in the clinic, guiding students in client counseling, legal research, drafting, negotiation, and professional responsibility while fostering reflective, practice-based learning.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA

Master of Laws (LL.M.) with Certificate of Specialization in Technology and Law, May 2020

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), México City, México

CIDE is a Mexican government sponsored research center and higher education institution, specialized in the fields of social sciences.

Master of Public Policy & Administration (MPPA), May 2018

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, México City, México

A top-ranked, private university that excels in the fields of Economics, Business, Accounting, Math, Actuarial Science, Statistics, Political Science and Law

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B - J.D. equivalent), May 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Strategic Neutrality: What Transactional Clinics Signal When They Say Nothing, 70 N.Y.L. Sch. L. Rev. ____ (forthcoming 2026) (invited contribution to the Stephen Ellmann Clinical Theory Workshop: 40th Anniversary Symposium).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- *Value transparency and the practical implications of a value-neutral transactional clinic*, Stephen Ellmann Clinical Theory Workshop (New York, NY; Feb.20, 2026)
- *Teaching Through Risk: Developing Frameworks for Student and Community Safety*, 2026 Northern California Clinical Conference (San Francisco, CA; Feb. 6, 2026)
- *Leveraging Community Partnerships for Economic Justice*, Transactional Clinical Conference (Detroit, MI; May 21, 2025)
- *Transactional Lawyering in the Margins: Using Cross-Clinical Collaborations to Better Support Economic Justice for Justice-Impacted Entrepreneurs*, 2025 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Baltimore, MA; May 6, 2025)
- *Navigating Clinical Work with Communities of Color through Predominantly White Law Schools*, 2025 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (San Francisco, CA; May 5, 2023)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alameda County Bar Association (Oakland,CA)

Housing Attorney

March 2020- June 2021

Established and managed a housing law clinic for unrepresented low-income litigants, negotiated settlements and provided pro bono consultations, led housing law trainings, and proposed and oversaw the project budget, inter-grantee collaboration, and grant deliverables.

New Business Community Law Clinic UC Berkeley Law School (Berkeley, CA)

Clinic Participant

2019-2020

Agon Law and Economics (Mexico City, Mexico)

Associate

2017-2019

Designed and executed procedural defense strategies for clients facing monopolistic practices investigations before Mexican competition and telecommunications authorities, advised e-commerce clients on abuse of dominance and vertical restraints, analyzed electronic evidence and prepared compliance reports across regulated industries, counseled on leniency applications, and supported litigation through evidence gathering, drafting, and deposition preparation.

Comisión Federal de Competencia Económica (México City, México)

Attorney

2015-2016

Drafted investigative and legal-opinion guidelines; planned and supported civil investigative demands, including requests for information, deposition questions, and search warrants; participated in enforcement actions; prepared antitrust matters for trial by gathering and preparing evidence and deposing employees and board members. Coordinated with government agencies, public authorities, attorneys, business representatives, and other organizations in connection with Commission investigations.

SERVICE

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

- Bar Task Force Committee, Member 2025-current
- Clinical Office Planning and Expansion Committee, *Member* 2025-2026
- Honors and Awards Committee, *Member* 2024-2025

UC Berkeley School of Law

- Clinical Expansion Committee, *Member* Dec. 2023-May 2024
- Clinical Hiring Committee, Paralegal Position, Death Penalty Clinic Dec. 2023-May 2024
- UndocuStudents at Berkeley Law, *Faculty Advisor* Aug. 2023–May 2024

Professional Service

- Latinas in Legal Academy (GO LILA) Planning Committee, *Member* 2024