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- EDUCATION** **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA, LL.M. Candidate, May 2013
Activities: *Harvard International Law Journal*
Advocates for Human Rights \
Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, Student Attorney
Women's Law Association, Director
Harvard Law School German Studies Association, Treasurer
- UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE**, Cologne, Germany, Bachelor of German & Turkish Business Law, December 2009
Activities: Prof. Klaus Berger, Teaching Assistant (Media Law)
Prof. Bertrand Klein, Teaching Assistant (Criminal Law)
Faculty of Law Student Council, Student Representative/Director of Planning Office
Study Abroad: La Sorbonne, Paris, France, Spring 2008
Thesis: *Coerced Marriage: Recognize it as a Crime Against Humanity*
- EXPERIENCE** **HARVARD LAW AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**, *President*, Cambridge, MA Spring 2013
Co-lead eight-member team in a research project designed to develop a methodology for quantifying the social harm arising from corruption in Uruguay through the examination of human rights violations and direct and indirect economic damages. Serve as liaison between client and LIDS' supervisory counsel, run weekly team meetings, oversee team assignments, and review final product before submission to client.
- NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL**, *Research Assistant*, Oslo, Norway Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
Assist senior researcher Diane Jones in examining materials for *Humanitarianism, Peacekeeping and the Quest for Great Powerhood*, a project of the Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies (NCHS), as well as in writing a co-authored paper on a topic related to this research.
- HARVARD INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC**, *Clinical Student*, Cambridge, MA Fall 2012
Assisted with the litigation of the Noriega Prison case against Panama before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Helped prepare oral arguments presented at a hearing in Mexico by conducting legal and factual research on the types of human rights abuses taking place at the prison, as well as on the federal clause and how federalism may not be used as an excuse by a country in forfeiting its international obligations. Wrote a findings report and case updates.
- TUGEND**, *Refugee Status Determination Attorney*, Cologne, Germany Summer 2011 – Summer 2012
In cooperation with the German Ministry of Justice and as a UNHCR implementing partner, conducted interviews with asylum seekers to determine their eligibility for refugee status. Drafted interview reports and provided recommendations to the government based on eligibility opinions. As a member of the Tugend Protection Team, provided legal counsel to asylum seekers and refugees on issues regarding employment, documentation, family reunion, marriage licenses, and migratory regularization.
- UNTERHALTUNGSSOFTWARE SELBSTKONTROLLE**, *Researcher*, Cologne, Germany Spring 2011 – Winter 2012
Conducted research related to freedom of expression and the right to freedom of information in relation to minors. Authored a research paper on the first two years of implementation of the *Jugendschutzgesetz* (Youth Protection Act) of 2003, focusing on whether the decisions of the Federal Review Board for Media Harmful to Minors complied with transparency standards.
- REFUGEE LAW CLINIC**, *Clinical Student*, Cologne, Germany Fall 2009 – Spring 2011
As part of a *pro bono* program of the University of Cologne, represented low-income clients on 11 cases before Trial Court. Interviewed clients and developed case strategies. Conducted legal research on family and property law. Drafted briefs and other legal documents including complaints, answers and interlocutory appeals.
- FEDERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**, *Intern, Federal Prosecutor Cologne*, Cologne, Germany 2009
Conducted research on administrative and tax law. Reviewed trial records. Conducted analysis of case law and drafted *custos legis* opinions regarding pending appeals before the Superior Court of Justice and the Federal Supreme Court.
- JUDICIAL COURT OF THE CITY OF COLOGNE**, *Intern, Justice Cypris*, Cologne, Germany Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Conducted legal research to assist the Justice with criminal cases before the court. Reviewed trial records.
- LANGUAGES** German (native), English (proficient), French (advanced knowledge), Spanish (working knowledge).
- LICENSES** Member of the German Bar (2010).
- PERSONAL** Launched a project in partnership with an NGO in Bonn, Germany, teaching children ages 10 to 15 about civic education and human rights once a week during the Fall 2011.