**ADRIAN E. ALVAREZ**

**EDUCATION**

**American University Washington College of Law**, Washington, DC

*Juris Doctor*, *cum laude*, May 2010

Honors: Highest Grade: Adv. Human Rights, Fall 2009; *Human Rights Brief* Award (2010) at commencement

Activities: *The Human Rights Brief*, Co-Editor-in-Chief (2008-2009); U.N. Committee against Torture Project (Fall 2009); Impact Litigation Project before Inter-American System of Human Rights (Spring 2009).

**Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs,** Princeton, NJ

*Master in Public Affairs*, June 2004

Honors: National Security Education Program Fellowship to study Portuguese in Brazil (2002-2003)

Activities: Intern, International Center for Transitional Justice, (Fall 2002) New York, NY

**University of Texas at Austin,** Austin, TX

*Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies and Government*, High Honors, May 2000

Honors: U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of International Public Policy Fellow (1998-2002)

Activities: Bassoonist, University of Texas Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

**EXPERIENCE**

**St. John’s University School of Law,** Queens, NY

*Assistant Professor of Law, December 2020 to Present*

* Teaching *Lawyering Skills* and *Professional Responsibility*
* Developing a new course: *Disability and the Law*

**American University Washington College of Law,** Washington, DC

*Practitioner-in-Residence at Disability Rights Law Clinic, July 2017 to June 2020*

* Supervised between 8 and 12 student attorneys in disability rights cases (Fall 2017 to Present)
* Co-taught a weekly clinical seminar on lawyering skills (Fall 2017 to Present)
* Taught Legal Ethics Course with an enrollment of 65 students (Spring 2019; Spring 2020)
* Coached Moot Court Honor Society Teams (Spring 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019)
* Voting Member of the Faculty Public Interest Committee (2018-2019)
* Voting Member of the Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019-2020)
* Jury member for SDJ Dissertation, Dr. Hashem N. Alsharif, *Alternative Punishment to Incarceration in the Sharia Criminal Law: the Applicability of those Alternatives in the Saudi Arabian Criminal Law for Persons with Intellectual Disability.*

**Children’s Law Center (CLC),** Washington, DC

*Senior Attorney*, *March 2017 to July 2017*

*Staff Attorney, September 2014 to March 2017*

* Provider of free civil legal services to a caseload of 30 + patient families through CLC’s medical legal partnership in the areas of special education law, housing conditions law, public benefits, and access to healthcare.
* Litigate cases before legal and administrative forums including 8 special education cases before OSSE’s Office of Dispute Resolution, 4 case on D.C. Superior Court’s Housing Conditions Calendar, 1 case before the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, and 1 complaint before the U.S. Dept. of Education’s Office of Civil Rights (OCR).
* Launched medical legal partnerships at two federally qualified health centers (Unity Minnesota Avenue and Unity Upper Cardozo) by providing ongoing trainings to clinic staff in legal needs screening, special education and housing conditions law; and by managing the day-to-day relationship between CLC and Unity by working two to four days a week onsite and fielding legal questions and consultations with clinic staff and patient families.
* Mentored 6 private attorneys in special education and housing conditions cases, and supervised 2 law clerks.
* Presented at 2016 National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA) Convention on using special education advocacy to address mental health needs of older teens.

**Public Justice, P.C.,** Washington, DC

*Goldberg-Robb Attorney, September 2012 to August 2014*

* Represented consumer by filing an appellate brief fighting a mandatory arbitration clause in a used-car contract.
* Investigated claims on behalf of prisoners with serious mental illness in solitary confinement by conducting legal and factual research, reviewing prison administrative segregation policies, and submitting FOIA requests.
* Investigated civil rights and tort claims on behalf of students who had been bullied in school by conducting client intakes and legal research, developing legal theories to overcome state immunity statutes, and drafting sections of complaints and trial court briefs in federal and state courts.
* Engaged in public outreach for Anti-Bullying Campaign by educating parents about adequate school responses to bullying and bias-based harassment under anti-bullying and anti-discrimination law, co-authoring a litigation primer on causes of action against a school district that inadequately responds to bullying.
* Presented before the American Association for Justice’s 2014 Annual Convention on how to investigate and litigate anti-bullying claims in federal and state court.

**Hon. David Briones, Senior U.S. District Judge,** El Paso, TX

*Judicial Clerk, September 2010 to September 2012*

* Conducted legal research to draft judicial opinions in civil cases in federal civil rights and labor and employment lawsuits. Drafted judicial opinions in criminal cases involving immigration, drug, sex, and weapons charges.
* Managed approximately nine criminal trials and drafted jury charges.

**U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division,** Washington, DC

*Legal Intern, February to May 2010*

* Drafted legal memorandum on discrete issues of federal civil rights law for Educational Opportunities Section.

**RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)**, El Paso, TX

*Law Clerk, June to August 2009*

* Provided direct legal services to indigent clients facing eviction and other housing-related problems.

**American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland,** Baltimore, MD

*Legal Extern, January to May 2009*

* Challenged campaign sign laws before Maryland State Board of Elections for violating the 1st Amendment.

**Center for Constitutional Rights,** New York, NY

*Ella Baker Fellow, June to August 2008*

* Sorted through discovery documents to write sections of an appellate brief that argued that U.S. courts have personal jurisdiction over Shell Oil for human rights abuses committed in Nigeria.

**Nonprofit Enterprise Center,** El Paso, TX

*Organization Specialist, September 2006 to August 2007*

* Consultant in a bi-national evaluation of disaster relief projects in El Paso, TX and Juárez, Mexico.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

*Program Manager/Livelihoods Advisor, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, February 2005 to July 2006*

* Co-managed delivery of non-food items to over 2000 families affected by the 26 December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami; co-managed delivery of materials to construct over 2000 transitional shelters for internally displaced people; and co-managed the provision of over 350 person hours of cash-for-work to Tsunami-affected laborers.

*International Development Fellow, Freetown Sierra Leone, July 2004 to February 2005*

* Developed a four-year strategy to guide CRS Sierra Leone’s peacebuilding and good governance programming.

**Global Justice Center (Centro de Justiça Global),** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

*Researcher, June 2002 to May 2003*

* Interviewed key stakeholders and examined legal documents to uncover police violence and faulty criminal investigations to write two chapters of a book on summary executions in Brazil.

**World Bank, NGO & Civil Society Unit,** Washington, DC

*Consultant*, *June 2001 to August 2001*

*Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellow, August 2000 to May 2001*

* Evaluated and assessed degree of NGO participation in all World Bank projects for fiscal year 2001, contributing to a larger study on civil society engagement in WB projects
* Reported progress to bilateral donors on programs implemented by the NGO and Civil Society Unit in the area of NGO capacity building.

**SCHOLARLY WORKS**

* *Special Education No Man’s Law*, St. John’s Law Review (forthcoming Fall 2020), presented at the Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law (May 2019) and Mid Atlantic Clinicians Writing Workshop (March 2019).

**PANEL PRESNTATIONS**

* Health and Reconciliation: The Clinic’s Role in Re-Imagining Power and Fostering Dignity in a Time of Polarization (Presentation at 2019 AALS Clinical Conference) with Jean Han (American University), Norrinda Hayyat (Rutgers University), and Katie Ladewski (American University).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

* Volunteer Spanish Literacy Tutor and English as a Second Language Teacher January 2013 to June 2016
* Judge, Inter-American Moot Court Competition, 2014, 2016 & 2018
* Languages: Spanish (near native), Portuguese (highly proficient), French (conversational)
* Interests: Classical and Mexican guitar, *son jarocho*, reading, cooking, swimming, and running.