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EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA *Juris Doctor*, May 2016

- Top 33%; GPA 3.39
- Senior Internal Editor, *Constitutional Law Quarterly*, 2015 – 2016, voted ‘Exceptional Staff Editor’; Staff Editor, 2014 – 2015
- Honors: CALI Award for the Highest Grade in the Class, Bankruptcy, Spring 2015; Witkin Award for Bankruptcy, Spring 2015; Recipient, Percy E. Towne Merit Scholarship, 2013 – 2016

University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA *Bachelor of Arts*, Jun. 2013

- English Literature and Philosophy, Spanish minor, GPA 3.6
- Service Committee Chair, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, 2012 – 2013
- Semester abroad at University of Barcelona, Spain, Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Keller Benvenuti Kim, San Francisco, CA *Associate Attorney*, Aug. 2020 – Current

Insolvency and restructuring professional at a boutique bankruptcy firm.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, San Francisco, CA *Judicial Law Clerk*, Mar. 2019 – Aug. 2020

Serve as law clerk to the Hon. Dennis Montali to assist with the PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) bankruptcy cases. In addition to traditional law clerk duties, implemented case management procedures to administer the largest bankruptcy in California history. Quickly and thoroughly research complex legal issues to meet the legislative deadline for PG&E to exit bankruptcy. Draft extensive memorandum decisions and orders. Recently drafted a memorandum decision on whether inverse condemnation applies to PG&E. Also work on non-PG&E matters, including a summary judgment regarding the attachment of non-debtor tax liens on debtor property, and a matter involving the jurisdiction of an Australian district court over an American company.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA *Staff Attorney*, Oct. 2018 – Mar. 2019

Conducted research, drafted memoranda dispositions, and presented to oral screening panels. Collaborated with fellow staff attorneys to analyze trial records and recommend dispositions to three-judge panels of Ninth Circuit judges.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, San Jose, CA *Judicial Law Clerk*, Aug. 2016 – Sept. 2018

Served as sole law clerk to the Hon. M. Elaine Hammond. Conducted legal research on state and federal law and drafted dispositive decisions. Analyzed pleadings and recommended resolutions to legal issues, including confirmation of chapter 11 and 13 plans. Prepared the court for and observed hearings and trials.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Oakland, CA *Judicial Extern*, Jan. 2016 – May 2016

Conducted legal research, observed hearings, and drafted memoranda for the Hon. William J. Lafferty and his clerks. Argued for and against legal positions in discussions with the judge.

U.C. Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA *Research Asst. to Prof. Jared Elias*, Jun. 2015 – Dec. 2015

Researched recent bankruptcy filings for large-scale projects that analyzed stock price to evaluate the economic effect of bankruptcy court orders. Examined bankruptcy petitions, first day declarations, and judicial orders while compiling data from each.

PUBLICATIONS, LANGUAGES, AND INTERESTS

- *Keep the Patels: How Culturally Competent Teamwork Can Alleviate the Law's Diversity Retention Problem*, 2 CONCORDIA L. REV. 118 (2017); republished at 25 ASIAN AM. L.J. 123 (2018).
- *A Brief Introduction to the Intersections Between Domestic Violence Law and Bankruptcy Law*, Domestic Violence Report: Vol. 22, No. 2 (2016).
- Hindi (fluent), Punjabi (proficient), Spanish (proficient)
- Regularly hike and go to concerts in the Bay Area.