

EDUCATION

Universität Luzern Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Lucerne, Switzerland

Doctoral Student, September 2011 - present (expected completion 2014)

- Working Thesis Title: “Aligning State Party Legal Obligations in Education for Children with Disabilities under the UN CRPD in Switzerland”

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctorate, May 2011

- GPA 3.47/4.0
- Phi Delta Phi, International Legal Fraternity, *January 2010 – May 2011*
- Cali Award for Estates and Trusts, *Fall 2009 Semester*
- Dean’s List, *Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011 Semesters*
- Student Bar Association Student Mentor, *Academic year 2009 - 2011*
- Illinois Bar Association Law Student Member, *January 2009 – May 2011*
- American Bar Association Law Student Member, *January 2009 – May 2011*
 - Section of International Law: Europe Committee, Women’s Interest Network
 - Section of Business Law: International Business Law, Young Lawyers and Law Students
- Women’s Law Caucus, *January 2009 – May 2011*

Universität Luzern Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Lucerne, Switzerland

Transnational Legal Studies Exchange Program February 2010 – June 2010

- Law school exchange semester at the University of Lucerne
- Course focus on international human rights law

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Political Science and German, May 2008

- GPA 3.6/4.0
- Dean’s List, 5 Semesters
- Outstanding Senior Student in German Award from the Goethe Institute, *Academic year 2007-2008*
- Delta Phi Alpha, German Honorary Society, *Academic year 2007-2008*
- Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Honorary Fraternity, *Academic year 2006-2008*
- Pre-Law Club, *Academic year 2006-2008*
- Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Iota Chapter, *September Academic year 2004-2008*
 - Executive Board positions, *Academic year 2006-2008*

EXPERIENCE

Schweizer Paraplegiker Forschung, Nottwil, Switzerland

Early Stage Researcher, Marie Curie Fellow, European Union Seventh Framework Programme, Disability Rights

Expanding Accessible Markets (DREAM), Project 265057 – September 2011 – present

- Participate in teambuilding and organizational events and projects
- Research law and literature relating to the United Nations Convention on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Identify human rights indicators and monitoring mechanisms used by State Parties
- Analyze most efficient and accurate monitoring methods of Convention and give suggestions to EU Commission

Mental Disability Advocacy Center, Budapest, Hungary

Secondment as an External Researcher– February 2013 – May 2013

- Researched law and literature surrounding violations of the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in psychiatric institutions
- Assisted with research and information for strategic litigation cases regarding inclusive education
- Researched core inclusive education tools for use in the organization’s objectives
- Discovered and assessed themes from the field notes of a multi-institution monitoring mission

Department of Homeland Security – Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Chicago, Illinois

Legal Extern, September 2010 – May 2011

- Identified and researched legal issues in immigration law and summarized research in legal memos
- Analyzed law sources to prepare and draft briefs and motions for review, approval, and use by attorney
- Reviewed, updated, and organized case files in preparation for court
- Updated and maintained a nation-wide criminal statute database with regards to immigration law

Gunty & McCarthy, Chicago, Illinois

Law Clerk, March 2009 – January 2010

- Researched legal issues including but not limited to product liability, negligence, application for foreign law
- Drafted pleadings including Motions for Summary Judgment, Motions to Transfer for Forum Non Conveniens, Motions in Limine and memorandums in support of motions
- Observed and summarized fact witness depositions
- Assisted attorneys with court preparation

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham P.C. f/k/a Schuyler, Roche P.C., Chicago, Illinois

Intern / Attorney Assistant, All Summer and Winter Holidays between 2006 – 2008

- Researched legal issues for attorneys' brief and case preparation
- Created and organized diligence material
- Used German skills in translating client agreements and arrangements
- Prepared attorney for conference calls with counsel
- Created, managed, and updated database for the use of firms' partners

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Importance of Participation in Education for Society. Fulfilling the participation aspect of Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities." *Recht und Gesellschaft Junge Rechtswissenschaft Luzern* LBR 80. Ed. Mariela Maidana & Carly M. Toepke: Schulthess (2014) *forthcoming*
- "Keeping Children Health through Education – A Look into the Connectedness of Health and Education under the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities." *Recht und Gesundheit Junge Rechtswissenschaft Luzern* LBR 70. Ed. Helena Zaugg & Lea Schläpfer. Zurich: Schulthess (2013) 25-44.
- "An Illinois Court Refuses to Assist in Discovery for Arbitration in England." *International Law News*. Volume 39. Number 2 (Spring 2010) 24-25; *reprinted in* GP Solo. Best of ABA Sections. Volume 28. Number 2 (March 2011) 38-39.

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Importance of Participation in Education for Society. Fulfilling the participation aspect of Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," DREAM Network Event, Oslo, Norway (September 2013)
- "Transferring Skills and Experience from NGO work to Academic Research," SPF Colloquium (June 2013)
- "Participation in Inclusive Education under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," poster Presentation at The Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR) International Conference 2013, Turku, Finland (May 2013)
- "Keeping Children Health through Education – A Look into the Connectedness of Health and Education under the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," DREAM Network Event, Maastricht, The Netherlands (January 2013)

LECTURES

- “The Anatomy of the Civil Litigation Process,” Lawyering Skills course, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (September 2012)
- “Aligning State Party Legal Obligations in Education for Children with Disabilities under the UN CRPD,” SPF PhD Colloquium (September 2012),
- “Disability Rights in Africa,” African Law course, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (November 2012)
- “International Disability Human Rights,” Transnational Litigation course, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (March 2012)
- “Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,” Protection of Vulnerable Groups course, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (March 2012)

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- “Conference in Disability Research,” hosted by the Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR) International Conference 2013 in Turku, Finland (May 2013)
- “How to Litigate Before the European Court of Human Rights Event,” hosted by ERA Academy of European Law in Strasbourg, France (March 2013)
- “Regional Workshop on Desegregation in Central and Southeastern Europe,” hosted by Chance for Children Foundation in Budapest, Hungary (February 2013)
- “Workshop on the UNCRPD (‘How to Use It’),” hosted by the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (April 2012)
- “Pathway to Inclusive Education,” hosted by European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities (EASPD) in Budapest, Hungary (September 2012)

COURSES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

- “Research and Scientific Writing Course,” by Dr. Reuben Escorpizo, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (Fall 2012)
- “Academic Writing Skills,” by Dr. Mark Kyburz, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (Fall 2012)
- “Workshop on how to use the ICF,” by Swiss Paraplegic Research (September 2012)
- “The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: How to use it,” The 4th International Summer School. NUI Galway, Ireland (June 2012)
- “Knowledge Transfer,” by Dr. Sarah Rubinelli, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (May 2012)

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

- “Lawyer Ranking & Ratings: The Impact on Ethics and the Profession,” ABA-CLE, webinar (October 2013)
- “Advanced Tips for Enhanced Legal Research on Fastcase (2013),” ISBA, webinar (October 2013)
- “Introduction to Legal Research on Fastcase (2013),” ISBA, webinar (April 2013)
- “Legal ethics for new attorneys,” IICLE, webinar (July 2012)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

- State Bar of Illinois, *December 2011*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- America Bar Association, *December 2011 - present*
 - Section of International Law
 - International Human Rights Committee
 - Women’s Interest Network
 - Young Lawyers Division
 - Children and the Law Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association, *December 2011 – present*

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LANGUAGES

- Mother tongue English
- Intermediate knowledge of German, written and spoken