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Profile

Beenish Zahid is a graduate of Fordham University and received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Hofstra University School of Law. She is licensed to practice in New York State and has prior experience of handling legal matters in the USA and in Pakistan. She has extensive experience in both the corporate and social welfare sectors and is also multilingual, being fluent in English, Urdu, and Spanish.

Immigration law

Family Law

Corporate Law

Civil & Commercial Litigation

Contract Law

Intellectual Property Law

Constitutional Law

Professional Experience

03/2017 – 06/2020 Pro Bono Consultant

- Assisted in settlement negotiations and trial for property cases dealing with up to 50,000,000 PKR in claims.
- Minimized risk exposure through careful advice and strategic planning on business operations.
- Interpreted laws, rulings and regulations for individuals and businesses.
- Researched and wrote contracts, motions, agreements and proposals.
- Assessed cases for probable outcomes by researching black letter law and other legal authority, comparing fact patterns to those of precedential cases.
- Explained available courses of action and possible repercussions of cases to clients.

01/2020 – 03/2020 The Educators Annual Speech and Debate Contest, Debate Coach and Judge

- Heard oral debate and testimony to establish case facts and arguments.
- Assessed current reading levels and planned optimal educational strategies to help students improve writing skills.
- Motivated students to build self-confidence and reduce anxiety of public speaking.
- Used positive reinforcement techniques to encourage and build confidence in writing and speech.

05/2016 – 03/2017 Legal Services of Hudson Valley, Pro Bono Unit Legal Intern

- Provided administrative and legal support to a collegial team of four attorneys.
- Counseled and aided indigent clients in foreclosure, eviction, domestic violence and bankruptcy actions.
- Updated and maintained a database of legal funding.
- Maintained records and assured government grants were being utilized for specified purposes.
- Conducted general research and organized case files pertaining to attorney cases.
- Assisted in organizing two CLE classes on Bankruptcy Law and Family Law, in counties throughout the Hudson Valley.

08/2011 – 10/2012 Hofstra University School of Law, Research Assistant

- Did preliminary research, compiled data and cases on contemporary immigration issues for upcoming articles.
- Helped to organize the joint Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) and Northeast People of Color Conference.
- Planned out logistics for the conference and engaged in detail-oriented work such as drafting of the program.

07/2010 – 05/2011 Liberty Mutual, Law Clerk

- Assisted attorneys in brief writing

- Drafted pleadings, motions and memorandums.
- Drafted and filed Notice of Claims to NY State.
- Assisted attorneys in preparing for depositions, trials, and appeals.
- Maintained law library and assisted in arbitration preparation.
- Performed legal research, utilizing both written and electronic sources, such as WESTLAW, LDM, EDM, WATSON TNG, LEXIS and more.

06/2010 – 10/2010 Hofstra University School of Law, Research Assistant

- Researched, proofread and edited select drafts, materials and legal documents pertaining to a now published Lawyers Ethics textbook written by Roy D. Simon.
- Analysed and compiled cases/advancements and information pertaining to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct as well as the NY Rules of Professional Conduct.

06/2008 – 05/2009 Full Circle Life, Enrichment Centre

- Applied for grants, scholarships and awards for the not-for-profit sector of Full Circle Health.
- Implemented programs to help youth.
- President of "ARISE" program, which is geared towards helping troubled youth finish High School and apply to College.
- Prepared and managed \$135,000 annual budget.
- Developed new policies and procedures.

06/2008 – 05/2009 Full Circle Health, Social Worker

- Diagnostically evaluated and treated children, adolescents, adults and families in need of counseling as per the DSM IV.
- Provided one-on-one counselling to battered women and children.
- Counselling youths who had been, or were in the process of being remanded.
- Assessed client progress and effectiveness of treatment plans.
- Involved guardians and family members in supporting therapeutic activities to build back relationships with their children.

Education

2009-2012 Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York - **Juris Doctor**

Honors:

- Moot Court Board Member and Competition Quarter Finalist
- Client Counselling Competition 2011

- Muslim Law School Students Association, President, 2010-2011
- South Asian Law School Association, Co- Secretary , Treasurer, 2010-2011
- Moot Court Board, Assistant Director of Competitions, 2011-2012
- Unemployment Action Centre
- Mock Trial Enrichment Program

2005-2008 Fordham University, Bronx, New York, BA – Sociology, Social Work, Political Science

- Graduate School of Social Service Dean's List, Social Justice Association: Honor Scholar
- President's Student Leadership and Service Award, Points of Light Award for Community Service
- MSA: Muslim Students Association, President
- FUSE: For Unity a South Asian Entity, Vice President
- Pre-Law Society, Secretary

Languages

English - Native	Urdu	Spanish
Spoken: Native	Spoken: Fluent	Spoken: Conversant
Written: Proficient	Written: Basic	Written: Basic

Reference(s)

Can be provided upon request.