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EDUCATION

Columbia School of Law, New York, NY (1989) Juris Doctor (JD)

Yale College, New Haven, CT (1986) Bachelor in Arts (BA), major: Political Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of New Haven – West Haven, CT- Visiting Assistant Professor (August 2018 – present)

- **Teaching Activities Legal Studies Program** – (August 2018-present) – Undergraduate courses: Global Legal Systems, Justice in America, Introduction to Legal Concepts, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Legal Investigation, and Legal Studies Internship Program.
- **Service Activities - Chair Legal Studies and Political Science Department (January 2020-present)** Oversee Faculty development and retention. Develop course curriculum and schedules for Legal Studies and Political Science Programs. Lead and represent department while working with the Dean's Office Chair Council to manage College of Arts & Sciences initiatives and University wide matters. Lead student support efforts, including recruitment, advising, and faculty-student relationships. **Pre-Law Advisor (November 2021- present)** Advise students interested in pursuing law related careers, including the law school admissions process. Actively participate in Law School Admission Council events and webinars to relay relevant law school admission information to students. **Director of Legal Studies Program (August 2018- present)** Coordinate and develop course curriculum for Legal Studies Program and its ABA approved options. Review prepare and coordinate efforts to maintain ABA program approval
- **Scholarship Activities** – Research for textbook proposal regarding Introduction to Study of Law with emphasis on Legal Ethics. Develop modules for legal compliance, particularly for regulatory compliance and corporate governance.

Legal Instruction, Research, and Clinical Work - Connecticut (January 2017 - August 2018)

- **Yale Law School** - Associate Research Scholar, Eugene Ludwig/Robert M Cover Fellow for Community and Economic Development. **University of Connecticut** - Adjunct Faculty - Energy law, Renewable energy, Compliance. **University of New Haven** - Adjunct Faculty - Global Legal Systems

Veritas JD LLC – Lead Partner – Sole proprietor (October 2016 – May 2017).

- Advise clients on all corporate matters.

Ferraiuoli LLC-San Juan, PR – Capital Member, Corporate Department Co-Chairman Energy Law Practice Group and Firm Executive Committee Member (August 2011 – July 2015).

- Structure client relationships using alternative fee arrangements.
- Advise Loan portfolio acquisition client on commercial lending matters, mortgage law, real estate matters and title work in connection with foreclosure proceedings.
- Provide input and comments to Puerto Rico Energy Reform Legislation.
- Advise renewable energy clients on power purchase agreements, permitting matters for projects and general corporate matters.
- Advise oil industry clients on M&A matters, compliance matters and commercial agreement matters.
- Advise commercial lending clients on CERCLA lender liability and other involuntary acquisition matters.
- Advise commercial lending clients on environmental and permitting matters related to foreclosure proceedings.
- Supervise junior partner and associate attorney work for clients in the Corporate Department.
- Member of the Executive Committee to review firm business financial results and attorney productivity/performance.

Oneill & Borges LLC- San Juan, PR– Capital Member in the Corporate Department (January 2009-August 2011).

- Advise oil industry client on litigation strategy and other liabilities after sale of assets and market exit.
- Advise renewable energy clients on power purchase agreements, permitting matters for projects and general corporate matters.
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- Supervise junior partner and associate attorney work for clients in the Corporate Department.

Exxon Mobil Corporation (October 1995- December 2008) Esso Standard Oil Company (Puerto Rico)-San Juan PR – Caribbean Area Corporate Counsel - Corporate Secretary- Company Spokesperson (July 2003-December 2008).

- Advise regional and country management on all legal matters (corporate, antitrust, administrative, Government relations, proposed legislation, regulatory compliance and employment) in Puerto Rico, USVI, Dominican Republic, Suriname, Guyana, Haiti, Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica, Caiman Islands and the French markets (Guadeloupe and Martinique).
- Manage and supervise outside counsel in mentioned Caribbean jurisdictions.
- Manage corporate records and act as Corporate Secretary for company affiliates.
- Advise clients on corporate policies and reporting requirements for consolidated companies financial reporting activities.

- Conduct over 50 employee training seminars regarding US and PR Antitrust laws, the US Petroleum Marketing Practices Act, the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and Corporate Governance company policies derived from legal requirements (i.e. corporate separateness, audit and accounting controls, duty of directors and company representation letters).
- Prepare and conduct CLE seminar to in-house lawyers in Houston Texas entitled: “Comparative Law: Civil Law v. Common Law”.
- Coordinate and define legal strategy, including settlements, for regional litigation portfolio in all Caribbean affiliates.
- Negotiate and deliver to closing a divestment program for business operations in six countries in the Caribbean region (Guyana, Suriname, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and USVI).

ExxonMobil Mediterranea SRL-Rome, Italy – Senior Corporate Counsel and Corporate Secretary (October 2000- July 2003).

- Leader of corporate restructuring project involving multiple affiliates in the Mediterranean Area (Spain, Portugal, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Italy, Turkey and Greece) to reorganize corporate entities under a new holding company located in Rome, Italy.
- Manage and supervise outside counsel to review and implement corporate structure for area business operations.
- Developed and negotiated joint operation agreements (Italy) as well as dissolution of joint venture agreements for petroleum products distribution facilities (Turkey and Greece).
- Manage restructuring and set up of legal support (partners or law departments) in the affiliates of the region.
- Advise senior management on Corporate Governance matters in the regional affiliates.

ExxonMobil Inter-America, Inc.-Coral Gables, FL – Corporate Counsel (June 1997-October 2000).

- Draft franchise agreements for retail service stations, and standard commercial agreements for procurement of goods and services in Latin America.
- Manage and supervise outside counsel in Latin America to implement standard agreements program for retail and procurement business operations.
- Advise regional and country management on all legal matters in Central America countries.

Esso Standard Oil Company (Puerto Rico)- San Juan, PR – Legal Advisor - Corporate Secretary and Company Spokesperson (October 1995- June 1997).

- Advise country management on all legal matters including corporate law, environmental law, industry regulatory compliance matters, commercial practices and employment law.
- Manage and supervise outside counsel to coordinate and define legal strategy for litigation portfolio in Puerto Rico and USVI.
- Member of the Management Committee to coordinate and manage business operations.
- Member of Co-ed Committee to manage employee related matters.

Economic Development and Commerce Department, Government of PR, San Juan, PR – Advisor to the Secretary (November 1994- October 1995).

- Coordinated input from government agencies and private sector organizations to prepare, submit and approve the Corporations Law of 1995 and the Commercial Transactions Law of 1995.
- Coordinate input and the process regarding a Labor Reform in the PR Legislature.
- Coordinated efforts to reorganize PR Government commercial offices in Latin America (i.e. Team Leader for PR Office in Chile).

McConnell Valdes San Juan, PR - Corporate Department – Associate (September 1989 - November 1994).

- Research /Legal memoranda/Contract review/Transaction work in commercial lending transactions, securities transactions and real estate transactions.

PUBLICATIONS

International Compliance Law Guide – Oil & Gas Chapter on Puerto Rico (Dec 2014).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Connecticut Bar – Licensed to practice law in Connecticut

Puerto Rico Bar – Licensed to practice law in Puerto Rico

Texas Bar – Licensed to practice law in Texas

Member of Oil & Gas and Environmental Section and Business Law Section

Colegio San Ignacio (High School) – (2011 – present) Trustee of the CSI Trust Fund (2018); Member of Finance Committee (former Advisory Board) of the Board of Directors (2011-2018); Development Committee(2018).

Academia San Ignacio – (2013- 2016) Member of Special Committee to oversee School Development and Implementation of New strategies

Puerto Rico Land Conservation Trust - Advisory Council – Governor Appointee (2009-2013)

American Bar Association – Energy and Environmental Section (2009- present)

Puerto Rico Association of Renewable Energy Producers (2014-2015)

Puerto Rico Manufacturer’s Association – Energy Committee (1995-2008)

Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce – Energy and Water Committee (2012- 2015)

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English and Spanish; Working knowledge: French and Italian

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST