

**JANET PHILIBOSIAN**  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA**

*Associate Professor of Law, Academic Success and Bar Preparation Department, 2021-current*

*Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, 2010-2017*

Courses taught: Online JD Practical Lawyering Skills, Foundations of Law and Practice, Fundamentals of Law, Remedies, Cal Bar Writing, MBE Skills and Strategies; Prior Courses: Defenses in the Law, Practical Lawyering Skill, Selected Topics in American Law, Bar Advantage, Academic Support Program Writing Workshop.

Committees: Admissions, Library

2014 Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award.

**LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP, Los Angeles, CA**

*Senior Associate, 2020-2021*

Represent various clients, including restaurant groups, schools and universities, healthcare agencies, manufacturers, and non-profit organizations in matters of employment---related litigation involving alleged discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage and hour claims, and general employment counseling.

**CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF CALIFORNIA, Monterey Park, CA**

*Staff Attorney II, 2019-2020*

Provide client-directed legal representation and advocacy in Dependency Court to children ages 0-21 alleged to be victims of abuse and/or neglect. Collaborate with supervisors, social work investigators, peer advocates, various subject matter experts in fields such as mental health and education, and other attorneys to represent children's best interests before the court. Research and apply relevant statutory and case law, apply evidentiary rules and objections, conduct independent research and preparation of witnesses, and utilize trial skills in daily detention, jurisdictional, and review hearings.

**BYRNE & ASSOCIATES, PLC, Monrovia, CA**

*Partner (Of Counsel), 2007-2019*

Managed all aspects of federal and state litigation, from client engagement and case inception to resolution. Provided employment counseling to a variety of clients such as property management companies, medical corporations, and retail business owners.

Conducted workplace investigations. Managed assignments for junior associates and supervised law clerks, monitored progress, and provided guidance and critique.

**LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP, Los Angeles, CA**

*Associate, 2004-2005*

Represented clients in all aspects of employment defense litigation and general employment counseling, including private therapeutic and non-therapeutic schools, business owners, and non-profit organizations.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, Los Angeles, CA  
*Certified Law Clerk*, Central Trials Preliminary Hearing Unit, 2003  
Conducted felony preliminary hearings; managed caseload of 5-10 cases per week

**O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP**, Los Angeles, CA  
*Summer Associate*, 2003

Researched and drafted legal memoranda regarding labor and employment and general litigation issues; propounded and responded to discovery; drafted research memorandum for Anti-Defamation League's Summer Research Program; represented adoptive parent to finalize adoption of out-of-state minor relative.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**, Los Angeles  
*Judicial Extern*, Honorable Dickran Tevrizian, 2002  
Researched and drafted tentative orders for civil law and motion; assisted in chambers management

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Sacramento, CA  
*Appointed Member*, Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission, 1998-2002

Advised State Board of Education on curriculum, standards, and instructional materials; served as Vice-Chair of Reading---Language Arts and History---Social Science subject matter committees; drafted and edited Department documents, including frameworks for various subject matter areas; facilitated state---wide subject matter groups to review instructional materials; appointed to State Department of Education's *Recommended Literature, K through 12* Advisory Committee

**GEORGE WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, CA  
*Teacher*, Grades 9-12 Language Arts, 1995-2001

Delivered instruction at all levels of Language Arts classes, including remedial reading, ELL students, Advanced Placement; developed and implemented department-wide standards-based curricula as grade-level leader; authored School Vision Statement for WASC Accreditation review; represented faculty on School Site Council, participated on Crisis Intervention, Special Education Evaluation, and Attendance Improvement Committees; coached girls' Varsity gymnastics team

### **ADMISSIONS/CREDENTIALS**

State Bar of California, 2004

Bar of U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2004

State of California Single Subject Teaching Credential: Language Arts, Psychology, Sociology

## **EDUCATION**

### **SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA**

*Juris Doctor*, Magna Cum Laude, 2004

Dean's List 2001-2004; Southwestern University Law Review, *Executive Board Member/Lead Articles Editor* 2003-2004; *Staff Member* 2002-2003; *Appointed Member* 2001-2003 Student---Faculty Relations Committee; Armenian Law Students Association, Southwestern Women's Law Association

*Teaching Assistant, Criminal Law*: Professor Robert Pugsley, 2002-2004; assisted students with studying and outline writing; conducted substantive course reviews; assisted with administrative tasks. *Research Assistant*: Professor Catherine Carpenter, 2001-2002; Conducted and synthesized legal research; drafted footnotes; edited draft manuscript for *Of the Enemy Within, the Castle Doctrine, and Self-Defense*, 86 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 654 (2003)

### **PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, Malibu, CA**

*Master of Arts* with Honors, Clinical Psychology-Marriage, Family, Child Counseling, 1995

### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA**

*Bachelor of Arts* with Honors, Psychology, 1993

## **PUBLICATION**

Homework Assignment: The Proper Interpretation of the Standard for Institutional Liability if We Are to Protect Students in Cases of Sexual Harassment by Teachers, 33 SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 95 (2003)

## **ASSOCIATIONS/OTHER**

Armenian Bar Association

Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Volunteer

Board Member, Club 21 (advocacy and education for families with a child with Down Syndrome)

National Charity League, Los Angeles and Pasadena Chapters

