

# VICTORIA CARMONA

ADMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS BAR

## EDUCATION

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### Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

*Latin Legum Magister*, International Human Rights

### Loyola University Chicago School of Law

*Juris Doctor*, Certificate in Child and Family Law

### Loyola University Chicago Graduate School of Social Work

*Master of Social Work*, Specialization in Children and Families

### The University of Chicago

*Bachelor of Arts*, with Honors, International and Latin American Studies, focus in linguistics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Chicago-Kent College of Law**, Clinical Lecturer 2019 to Present

- Supervisory Attorney, Immigration Law Clinic

**Law Office of Robert D. Ahlgren and Associates, P.C.**, Supervisory Attorney 2014 to 2019

- Represent individuals, families in applications for family-based and victim-based immigration benefits, in addition to representation in defense against removal and in appeals before the Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of Justice - Executive Office for Immigration Review
- Pro-bono work representing immigrant women and children detained in Dilley, Texas
- Responsible for training and supervising a diverse team of associate attorneys and paralegals

**Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic**, Caseworker 2013 to 2014

- Manage multiple cases to address clients' needs involving several simultaneous issues, including immigration, housing, job placement, public aid, child welfare, criminal and civil court involvement
- Notable projects include a psycho-social evaluation, and developing and presenting a complete social work parole plan for a client's parole hearing

**Brazil in Chicago Portuguese Language School and Brazilian Cultural Center**, Assistant Director 2008 to 2014

- Create the full schedule of company calendar events and courses each quarter, while maintaining contact with all current and prospective students in Portuguese and in Spanish
- Supervise and assist in training of all staff; hired and supervised summer interns, while leading and directing projects, including developing the company's method of language instruction

**Chicago Legal Clinic**, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Grant Recipient, Chancery Advice Desk 2013

- Counseled *pro se* litigants on matters within the Chancery Division, including foreclosure, name changes, and administrative review petitions
- Legal consultations in both English and Spanish, and drafted documents such as answers & appearances, motions for summary judgment, and administrative review petitions

**Civitas Child Law Clinic**, Student Attorney, Licensed under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711 2012 to 2013

- *Guardian ad litem* representing children in matters of child protection, custody, and visitation proceedings
- Specific casework on International Child Abduction under The Hague Convention and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions; was able to begin cases from preparing and filing the initial petitions through presentation at trial in Federal Court

## PUBLICATIONS

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- LL.M. Thesis, Published by Northwestern University School of Law, 2018: *International Human Rights Violations of the United States with Concern to the Regulation of Migration, with a Focus in Asylum and Refugee Law*.
- Undergraduate Thesis, Published by the University of Chicago, 2010: *German Military and Intelligence Influence in Argentina During the Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*.
- *Wrongful Conviction: Special Challenges for Juvenile Exonerates: A Legal and Social Work Perspective*, Praxis Social Work Journal, Fall 2014, Volume 13.
- *Opposing Viewpoints: Criminal Statutes of Limitations in Childhood Sexual Abuse Cases*, Children's Legal Rights Journal, Volume 34, Issue 3.

## SKILLS & AWARDS

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- *Language*: Foreign language certification fluency in Spanish, Portuguese, and German. *Foreign Relations*: Have lived abroad in Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Spain. Citizen of the United States and Austria