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EXPERIENCE

University of Florida, Levin College of Law

Lecturer & Clinic Director, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Gainesville, FL
July 2022 – Present

Andreozzi Bluestein, LLP

Associate Attorney

Clarence, NY
September 2019 – June 2022

Represented taxpayers in examination and collection matters before the IRS and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Provided continuing education presentations to local and national associations of accountants and enrolled agents on various tax topics. Co-authored chapter in Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS, 8th Edition.

Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.

Qualified Tax Expert, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Buffalo, NY
March 2015 – August 2019

Represented low-income taxpayers in federal tax controversies. Advised low-income and limited English proficiency taxpayers in Western New York on complex tax law matters. Designed and presented a CLE on tax collection alternatives to new volunteers. Partnered with community organizations from throughout Western New York to ensure taxpayer rights were protected, as well as taxpayer obligations fulfilled. Oversaw the Tax Court Calendar Program in Buffalo, NY. Implemented reporting and compliance systems to ensure grant goals were reached.

Syracuse University College of Law Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Student Attorney

Syracuse, NY
January 2013 – May 2013

Negotiated collection actions between taxpayers and the IRS.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, J.D., May 2014

GPA: 3.189

Honors: Pro Bono and Community Service Recognition, 2014
Finalist, ADR Negotiation Competition, 2013

Activities: Managing Editor, Syracuse Law and Civic Engagement Blog, 2013-2014

WELLS COLLEGE, B.A., Public Affairs: Politics and Governance, May 2010

Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Four Year Captain, Men's Soccer, 2006-2009

BAR ADMISSIONS: State Bar of New York, January 2015. U.S. Tax Court, April 2015, Western District of NY, May 2021.

AWARDS: Tax Pro Bono Service Award, Champions for Justice Bash, ECBA VLP, Inc.