#### MADELEINE SLIGH

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## **CURRENT POSITION**

# University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL

Associate Director of the Immigration Clinic and Visiting Lecturer (Aug. 2025–Present)

# **EDUCATION**

#### University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

Juris Doctor, May 2019

<u>Honors</u>: Arizona Law Alumni Association's Service Award <u>Journal</u>: Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law <u>Student Note</u>: Lights... Camera... Legal Action? The Reality of Reality TV Contracts & Their Enforceability Abroad <u>Teaching Assistant</u>: Foreign Diplomat Training Program Activities: Law Women's Association; Immigration Law Student Association

### University of Arizona, Center for Latin American Studies, Tucson, AZ

Master of Arts (M.A.), Latin American Studies, May 2019 <u>Master's Thesis</u>: Chevron's Sour Lake: How a Decades-Long Legal Battle Exemplifies the Need for Changes in U.S. Law.

### Baylor University, Waco, TX

 B.A. in University Scholars with concentrations in International Relations and Spanish Dec. 2014 <u>Undergraduate Thesis</u>: Spain in the American Tourist Gaze <u>Honors</u>: Honors Program; University Scholars; Deans Academic Honor List; Baylor President's Gold Scholarship

# EXPERIENCE

# U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (OCIJ)

Attorney Advisor (Team Lead), Miami, FL (Oct. 2024 – May 2025)

Attorney Advisor, Miami, FL (Oct. 2022 – Oct. 2024)

Attorney Advisor, New York, NY (Sept. 2021 – Oct. 2022)

Judicial Law Clerk, San Antonio, TX (Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2021)

*Legal Intern*, Tucson, Arizona (Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016; Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018)

- Drafted decisions for Immigration Judges (IJs) at Immigration Courts across the nation on issues of removability, eligibility for relief from removal, and for deportability or exclusion cases. Worked in non-detained and detained settings. Interpreted and applied state, federal, and international statutes, regulations, ratifications and legal precedent to decisions. Drafted orders for motions and reviewed cases for trial readiness.
- Trained and mentored new DOJ Honors Program attorneys on immigration law and judicial decision writing, including conducting extensive edits of their draft decisions. Wrote training memos and conducted training sessions via Microsoft Teams for the IJs.
- Led Attorney Advisor biweekly meetings and represented the Attorney Advisors at weekly IJ meetings. Organized summer internship process and performed other administrative duties, including sorting over 2,500 motions and training the Immigration Judges on emerging legal issues.

FOIA Detailee to Office of the General Counsel, (Sept. 2024 - May 2025; Jan. 2023 - April 2024)

• Detailed to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to analyze and process Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Processed complex FOIA requests, which involved engaging with stakeholders and subject matter experts within the agency to effectively obtain records. Conducted searches for

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overdue records by communicating with Immigration Courts across the country, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Federal Records Center. Closed over 2,500 backlogged FOIA requests.

- Managed a team of attorneys to complete specialized projects. Trained new DOJ Honors Program attorneys and other detailees on the intake and delivery processes.
- Utilized project management skills to complete special projects, including handling difficult FOIA requests and detecting signature fraud.

### Greenberg Traurig, Northern Virginia

Summer Law Clerk, Business Immigration and Compliance Practice, Washington, D.C. (Summer 2017)

- Prepared visa applications and wrote support letters for clients.
- Conducted ongoing research on District Court and Supreme Court decisions regarding the Travel Ban.

### United Nations: Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Intern for Human Resources Section, Administrative Division, Santiago, Chile (Summer 2015)

- Managed the ECLAC internship program by posting job openings and selecting and interviewing candidates.
- Created a promotional videos, a monthly HR newsletter, and helped create and organize databases.

# U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassy Lisbon

Intern to the Consul-General, Lisbon, Portugal (Spring 2015)

- Managed daily intake, interviewing, printing, and shipping of non-immigrant visas.
- Planned events in cooperation with the Pol/Econ and Public Affairs sections of the embassy for other diplomats, military, and other important foreign personnel
- Drafted and edited cables for the Ambassador. Briefed the Ambassador for speeches and meetings with foreign dignitaries.

# **AWARDS AND HONORS**

EOIR Director's Award – nominated, 2024 EOIR Director's Award – winner, 2019

# **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New Mexico, Oct. 2020

# LANGUAGES

English (native) Spanish (proficient) Portuguese (intermediate)