

# AVERY M. VINSON

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## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center** **Gainesville, Florida**  
**University of Florida, Levin College of Law** **Current**  
Student Services Specialist & Professor of Legal Research  
Teaches first year Legal Research courses; organizes efforts to identify law student needs about their LIC experience; implements new services based on those identified needs; promotes LIC services and programs to students; provides reference services; provides research services to law faculty

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.** **Gainesville, Florida**  
Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Fellow **July 2020–June 2022**  
Provided legal advice and represented low-income older adults with civil legal issues; presented state-wide and national webinars about legal issues affecting older adults; partnered with local social service agencies to provide holistic solutions for older adults; conducted outreach to older adults in North Central Florida; served on Three Rivers' Pro Bono Committee

**Office of the Public Defender, First Judicial Circuit** **Pensacola, Florida**  
Assistant Public Defender **October 2019–July 2020**  
Represented a high caseload of low-income clients through criminal proceedings: arraignments, first appearances, plea days, hearings, and trials; drafted motions and proposed orders; conducted extensive legal research

**University of Florida's Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic** **Gainesville, Florida**  
Immigration Legal Intern **January 2019–May 2019**  
Conducted client intake and interviewed VAWA and U-Visa eligible clients; assisted clients with applications for immigration relief; traveled to immigrant communities to assist with family safety planning

**Kids in Need of Defense** **Atlanta, Georgia**  
Legal Intern/Recipient of Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program Grant **May 2018–August 2018**  
Interviewed unaccompanied child clients and their sponsors; drafted briefs, motions, and U-Visa and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications; observed immigration court proceedings; conducted legal research concerning family law and immigration

**Peaceful Paths** **Gainesville, Florida**  
Domestic Violence Legal Extern **January 2018–May 2018**  
Conducted client intake and interviewed survivors of domestic and dating violence; drafted petitions for injunctions against domestic and dating violence; drafted subpoenas and notices of related cases; drafted legal memoranda; conducted legal research concerning domestic violence, repeat violence, stalking, and cyber-stalking

## EDUCATION

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**Florida State University, School of Information** **Tallahassee, Florida**  
Master of Science in Information **Summer 2022**  
**University of Florida, Levin College of Law** **Gainesville, Florida**  
Juris Doctor **Spring 2019**  
**Florida State University** **Tallahassee, Florida**  
Bachelor of Arts, Humanities *magna cum laude*, Minor in English **Summer 2015**

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

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Addressing Unique Issues Confronting Older Victims During COVID and Beyond, National Crime Victim Law Institute Conference (October 29, 2021)

Protecting Older Adults from Disaster Scams, Equal Justice Works Webinar (June 2, 2021)

Working with Pro Bono Clients, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association October 2021 Webcast & CLE (October 15, 2021)

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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American Association of Law Libraries, 2021–present

Central Florida Community Action Agency Board of Directors Secretary, 2021–present

North Florida Central Senior Advocacy Network, 2020–2022

Suwannee Valley Victim Assistance Coalition, 2020–2022

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Program Fellowship

July 2020–June 2022

Emory Child Summer Advocacy Program Grant

May 2018–August 2018