

JUAN P. CABALLERO
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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York May 2016
Juris Doctorate
Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, 2013-2016; *full tuition scholarship for commitment to public interest law*
Moot Court Board (Equivalent to a Journal); *staff editor, case book division*

EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO, Mexico City, Mexico 2012 – 2013
Fox International Fellow

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut 2012
B.A., History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 2026-PRESENT
Director, Immigrant Justice Clinic
Lead a law clinic serving low-income immigrant clients while teaching and supervising law student clinicians in real-world immigration cases including asylum proceedings, removal defense, and family reunification matters. Develop and deliver experiential learning curriculum integrating substantive immigration law with professional skills training, mentor students in client interviewing, legal research, brief writing, and courtroom advocacy, and manage all clinic operations including case intake, court scheduling, and compliance standards. Research and write on administrative law, immigration law, and civil rights.
Courses Taught: Immigrant Justice Clinic

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 2022-2026
Director, Immigration Law Clinic
Taught and supervised the Immigration Law Clinic comprised of 8-10 students per semester. Supervised returning clinicians in the Advanced Immigration Law Clinic, which was offered on an ad hoc basis. Taught the Immigration Law doctrinal class for every Fall Semester. Designed and taught the asynchronous Administrative Law course for the UF Master of Studies in Law.
Courses Taught: Immigration Law Clinic, Immigration Law (doctrinal), Administrative Law (MSL)

College Service: Diversity & Community Relations (2022-2024), Chair (2023-2024)
Public Interest Committee (ad hoc), Chair (2023-2025)
Moot Court Advisor (2023-2025)
Engagement Committee, Chair (2024-2026)

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

2021 – 2022

Acting Assistant Professor of Law

Taught Lawyering, a year-long experiential course introducing first-year students to legal analysis, research, writing, client counseling, and negotiation. Researched and wrote on administrative law, immigration law, and civil rights.

Courses Taught: Lawyering

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sponsors of Educational Opportunity (SEO) Law Institute,

New York, New York

2022-PRESENT

Legal Writing Consultant

Develop and teach legal writing seminars during the annual SEO Law Institute in May; legal writing seminars focus on teaching law school foundational skills to incoming law students. Conduct three-hour instructional sessions via SEO's virtual training platform. Review and assess students' final submissions.

Policies for Action, Washington, D.C.

2024

External Reviewer

Reviewed Letters of Intent (“LOI”) submitted in response to the "Policy Research to Advance the Inclusion of Immigrant Families and Children" call for proposals addressing racial justice and health equity immigrant children and families. Evaluated research proposals as part of initial screening stage, and assessed LOIs across multiple categories including study design, frameworks, and practical applicability. Recommendations were used to determine which LOIs would be invited to submit full proposals.

Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

2020 – 2021

Staff Attorney

Investigated, filed, and litigated civil liberties and civil rights cases in federal and state courts. Conducted legal research, drafted complaints, and managed discovery and litigation. Conducted community outreach. Supervised law student interns and volunteer attorneys.

Selected Litigation:

- Crainic v. Kolutwenzew, No. 20-2138 (C.D. Ill. July 24, 2020): Co-authored emergency habeas motions and trial briefs challenging the conditions of confinement for immigrant detainees with underlying medical conditions that placed them at heightened risk of suffering serious harm from contracting COVID-19. Counseled detained immigrant clients and drafted related declarations.
- Dumiak v. Village of Downers Grove, No. 19- 5604, 2020 WL 4349890 (N.D. Ill. July 29, 2020): Successfully represented panhandlers challenging the Village of Downers Grove anti-solicitation ordinance. Co-authored trial briefs addressing the First Amendment implications of the ordinance and the applicability of the qualified immunity doctrine. Participated in negotiations with opposing counsel.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC,

East Lansing, Michigan

2018 – 2019

Teaching Fellow

Designed and taught clinic seminars in collaboration with the Immigration Law Clinic Director. Supervised student clinicians with casework serving non-citizen clients. Directly represented both detained and non-detained clients before the Executive Office of Immigration Review and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Developed and managed the clinic docket in consultation with the Director. Coached MSU moot court team that won the NYU School of Law's 15th Annual National Immigration Law Competition. Teaching evaluations available upon request (2018–2019).

Courses Taught:

- Immigration Law Clinic
- Refugee & Asylum Law Seminar

Selected Litigation:

- Garcia v. Barr, 960 F.3d 893 (6th Cir. 2020): Represented client challenging the Board of Immigration Appeals' decision to remove his "unaccompanied alien child" status under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. Authored merits briefs, emergency stay motions, and motions for reconsideration.
- Al Jibory v. Garland, No. 19-3123, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 13877 (6th Cir. May 10, 2021): Represented indigent client challenging the Board of Immigration Appeals' denial of his deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture. Authored merits briefs and stay motions before the Sixth Circuit. Successfully petitioned the Sixth Circuit panel to remand the case to the Board of Immigration appeals for failure to consider all relevant evidence.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MICHIGAN, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2016 – 2018

Legal Fellow

Developed and litigated cases at the trial and appellate level in both state and federal courts. Conducted factual and legal research; prepared memoranda; drafted Freedom of Information Act requests; wrote demand letters; drafted pleadings and briefs; conducted discovery. Developed and disseminated materials related to advocacy campaigns. Conducted Know Your Rights presentations.

Selected Litigation:

- Michigan Immigrant Rights Ctr. v. Dep't of Homeland Sec., No. 16-14192, 2020 WL 91539 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 8, 2020): Co-authored briefs in successful challenge of the defendant's withholding of responsive documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 U.S.C. §552, et seq. Negotiated production of documents with opposing counsel.
- Hamama v. Adducci, 912 F.3d 869 (6th Cir. 2018), cert. denied, No. 19-294, 2020 WL 3578681 (U.S. July 2, 2020): Co-authored habeas petition and briefs on behalf of a putative nationwide class of Iraqis with old removal orders. Challenged the prolonged detention of putative class members without individualized determinations of danger and flight risk. Counseled detained immigrant clients and drafted their declarations.
- Roe v. Snyder, 240 F. Supp. 3d 697 (E.D. Mich. 2017): Co-authored briefs challenging the retroactive application of amendments to the Michigan Sex Offenders Registry. Leveraged this enforcement action to negotiate the implementation of the Sixth Circuit's opinion in *Does #1-5 v. Snyder*, 834 F.3d 696 (6th Cir. 2016).

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CLINIC, New York, New York 2014 – 2016

Student Clinician

Represented non-citizen clients in removal proceedings before Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Drafted motions, merit

briefs, and amicus curiae briefs. Collaborated with community partners to author reports for public consumption.

Selected Litigation:

- Lora v. Shanahan, 804 F.3d 601 (2d Cir. 2015), cert. granted, judgment vacated, 138 S. Ct. 1260 (2018): Drafted brief in opposition to petition for a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. Co-authored practice advisory dissecting the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit's interpretation of 8 U.S.C. § 1226.
- Centro de la Comunidad Hispana de Locust Valley v. Town of Oyster Bay, 868 F.3d 104 (2d Cir. 2017): Co-authored amicus curiae brief in support of appellees petition before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Interviewed day laborer organization representatives and drafted declarations on behalf of nine organizations.

PUBLICATIONS

"People" Not "Persons": Noncitizens and The Fourth Amendment, 59 Loyola L.A. L. Rev. (forthcoming Fall 2025)

Allocating Deference in Shared Administrative Space, 56 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 883 (2023).

An Inconsistent Chevron Standard: Refining Chevron Deference in Immigration Law, 52 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 179 (2020).

Administering the Spectrum of Deference in the Administrative Age, 10 NYU J.L. & Liberty 810 (2016) (Note).

NYU Immigrant Rights Clinic Practice Advisory: Understanding Lora v. Shanahan and the Implementation of Bond Hearings for Immigrants in Prolonged Detention, 21-2 Bender's Immigr. Bull. 03 (2016) (with Eva Yung).

Smith v. United States of America, 39 Moot Court Casebook 199, N.Y.U Moot Court Board (2015).

SHORTER WORKS

Learning from Greg Abbott's socialist approach to immigration, The Hill, Mar. 26, 2024, <https://thehill.com/opinion/4555576-learning-from-abbotts-socialist-approach-to-immigration/>

Here's how anti-transgender bills are a kind of legal persecution, TAMPA BAY TIMES, April 22, 2023, <https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2023/04/22/heres-how-anti-transgender-bills-are-actually-kind-legal-persecution-column/>

BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

STATE OF NEW YORK, 2017

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, 2018

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, 2019

STATE OF ILLINOIS, 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2020
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2020
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, 2020

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Is Immigration Florida's Business, University of Florida Center for Governmental Responsibility, Gainesville, FL (Feb. 19, 2025)

Immigration Initiative Panel, Panelist, University of Florida Bob Graham Center, Gainesville, FL (Nov. 30, 2023)

Let's Talk Immigration: Past, Present & Future, Presenter, University of Florida Hispanic Student Association, Gainesville, FL (Sept. 19, 2023)

Redistricting & Gerrymandering Panel Discussion, NYU ACS Moderator, New York, NY (Nov. 17, 2021)

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Politifact Florida, Quoted, *Miami has the largest asylum case backlog in the U.S. Here's why* (Mar. 22, 2024)

Politifact, Quoted, *Has Trump faced more deportation-related court injunctions than his predecessors?* (April 30, 2025)

Florida Matters: Live and Local, Panel Discussion, *Social Security's loud alarm, another scam to scan, campus off-loading, shelf-help for kids* (June 23, 2026)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Member (2025 – present)

- **Membership Development Committee – Central Florida Chapter**
Member (2025 – present)
- **Subcommittee Law Students – Central Florida Chapter**
Chair (2025 – present)
- **Federal Litigation Committee – Central Florida Chapter**
Member (2025 – present)

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS

Member (2025 – present)

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Member (2025 – present)

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)