

# Yolanda Vázquez

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **The University of Pennsylvania School of Law**

Philadelphia, PA

August 2008-Present

*Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer, Civil Practice Clinic*

Co-teach the Civil Practice Clinic which assists clients with civil law issues such as civil forfeiture, fraudulent title transfers, prisoners' rights as well as employment and labor law issues. Teach writing, oral advocacy, substantive law and trials skills. Supervise law students in their representation of clients. Supervise students in the Capital Habeas Unit externship. Teach "Crimmigration" seminar. Research in the areas of immigration and criminal law. Member of the Public Interest Committee.

### **Villanova University School of Law**

Villanova, PA

January 2008-August 2008

*Acting Director, Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic*

August 2006-December 2007

*Reuschlein Clinical Teaching Fellow, Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic*

Co-taught the Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic which assists clients with immigration, employment and labor law issues. Taught in the areas of immigration, employment, and trials skills. Supervised law students in their representation of clients. Researched in the areas of immigration, criminal and employment law. Member of the Inclusiveness Committee.

### **University of Nevada at Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law**

Las Vegas, NV

September 2004-August 2006

*Founding Director, Nevada Immigrant Resource Project*

Created a public service program that provides outreach to the immigrant community and its advocates through the engagement of law students. Supervised law students in their presentations to the immigrant community in the areas of immigration and employment law. Taught law students immigration law, client interviewing and outreach strategies. Directed the research and creation of training and educational materials on issues affecting immigrants. Supervised law students and case coverage for the Immigration Clinic. Supervised two part-time attorneys. Presented to immigration advocates and other professionals in the areas of immigration, employment and criminal law.

## PUBLICATIONS/ WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Where Do We Go from Here? Advising Noncitizen Defendants on the Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction after Padilla*, 38 *FORDHAM URB. L.J.* (forthcoming 2011)

*The War on Crime & Terror: What Do Latinos Have to Do with It?*, 15 *J. GENDER RACE & JUST.* (forthcoming 2011)

*Perpetuating the Marginalization of Latinos: A Collateral Consequence of the Incorporation of Immigration Law into the Criminal Justice System*, 54 *HOW. L.J.* 639 (2011)

*Advising Noncitizen Defendants on the Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions: The Answer for the Criminal Defense Lawyer, the Court, and the Sixth Amendment*, 20 *BERKELEY LA RAZA L. J.* 31 (2010)

*Advising Noncitizen Defendants on the Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction: Whose Role Is It Anyway?* (work-in-progress)

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Immigration Law, "Crimmigration"  
Secondary: Evidence, Family Law, Professional Responsibility, Property  
Also Willing to Teach: Latinos and the Law, Race and Law, Critical Race Theory, Juvenile Law, Labor Law, Civil Rights

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Legal Services of New Jersey, Inc.** Bridgeton, NJ

July 2002-August 2004

*Staff Attorney*

Provided legal services to undocumented agricultural workers throughout New Jersey. Litigated in both federal and state court under such statutes as the Agricultural Protection Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, and common law torts and contracts. Prepared immigration applications in the areas of asylum, NACARA, V visas, Temporary Protected Status and registry.

### **South Jersey Legal Services, Inc.** Bridgeton, NJ

September 2002-August 2004

*Staff Attorney*

Provided legal services to documented agricultural workers throughout the state of New Jersey. Focused on employment and immigration law. Negotiated settlements. Drafted pleadings, interrogatories, and discovery. Immigration areas included: Violence against Women Act, family-based petitions, and naturalization. Civil litigation areas included: Age Discrimination Act, employment discrimination, Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act. Supervised and trained summer law students.

### **The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia** Washington, DC

October 1999-September 2002

*Staff Attorney*

Represented indigent clients accused of crimes in the District of Columbia. Litigated cases from domestic violence to homicide. Last assigned as a Felony II Attorney to the Community Outreach Program designed to raise the awareness of the Public Defender Service in the 5<sup>th</sup> District through service and outreach in the community. Supervised and trained summer law clerks and student investigators. Appointed to the Hiring Committee in 2000.

### **Cook County Public Defender's Office** Chicago, IL

February 1995-October 1999

*Assistant Public Defender*

Provided legal representation to indigent clients charged with criminal offenses in Chicago, Illinois. Conducted over 500 preliminary hearings. Litigated over 100 misdemeanor bench and jury trials, 70 felony bench and jury trials, including 5 homicide trials. Last assigned to felony night narcotics.

## EDUCATION

### **Chicago-Kent College of Law**

Juris Doctor, June 1994

- *National President, Hispanic National Bar Association-Law Student Division, 1993-94*
- *Recipient, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund Scholarship, 1994*
- *Recipient, Bar & Gavel Award, 1994*
- *Comparative Legal Systems: Mexico and the United States; Mexico, Summer 1993*
- *President, Hispanic Law Student Association, 1992-93*
- *Selected to Dean's Advisory Council, 1992-93*

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Bachelor of Science in Social Welfare, May 1988

## PRESENTATIONS

Invited Keynote Speaker, *Immigration Consequences and Post-Conviction Review*, 2012 Maine Law Review Spring Symposium, Portland, ME (forthcoming February 2012)

Selected Panelist, *The Racialization of Latinos: Everyday Lived Experiences of Discrimination*, 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, QC, Canada (forthcoming November 16, 2011)

Selected Presenter, *Terrorism's Impact on Criminal Justice: How the Detection, Investigation, and Prosecution of Criminal Activity Has Changed Since 9/11*, 2011 Elon Law Review Symposium, Greensboro, NC (forthcoming October 21, 2011)

Co-Facilitator, Junior Faculty Development Workshop, Ninth Annual LatCrit-SALT Conference, San Diego, CA (forthcoming October 6-7, 2011)

Selected Panelist, *Scholarship from the Trenches: Contemporary Criminal Justice Policies That Impact People of Color*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC, July 25, 2011

Invited Keynote Speaker, *Immigration Policies and Its Effect on Latinos*, Latino Caucus Luncheon, American Association of Law Librarians Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 24, 2011

Invited Panelist, *Redefining Defense Practice: Charting a Plan of Action, Padilla and the Future of the Defense Function*, National Legal Aid & Defender Association & National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, June 21, 2011

Invited Panelist, *Considering Collateral Consequences*, American Constitution Society 10th Anniversary Convention, Washington, DC, June 17, 2011

Invited Panelist, *Teaching Immigration Law: What to Cover Not Cover, and More*, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, May 19, 2011

Panelist, *Dignity and Justice for All: Moving From Tiered Personhood to Recognizing Human Dignity in Immigration Law*, The South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and the Law: Migratory Currents in the Americas, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 12, 2011

Invited Speaker, Hofstra's Colloquium on Law and Citizenship, Hofstra School of Law, Hempstead, NY, March 28, 2011

Invited Presenter, *Immigration and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*, Marshall Brennan Program, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, March 22, 2011

Invited Panelist, *Crimmigration Law: A Discussion Concerning the Convergence of Criminal and Immigration Law*, Drexel Law School, Philadelphia, PA, March 8, 2011

Selected Panelist, *The War on ... The Fallout of Declaring War on Social Issues*, Journal of Gender Race & Justice 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Iowa City, March 4, 2011

Invited Speaker, *The Intersection of Immigration and Criminal Law and its Effect on Latinos in the United States*, Latin American & Latino Studies Faculty Speaker Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, January 19, 2011

Presenter, *The Collateral Consequences of the Incorporation of Immigration Law into the Criminal Justice System*, Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC, December 20, 2010

Invited Panelist, *Collateral Consequences: Who Really Pays the Price for Criminal "Justice"?*, 7th Annual Wiley A. Branton-Howard Law Journal Symposium, Howard Law School, Washington, DC, October 29, 2010

Invited Presenter, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions in Tennessee: Analysis of Supreme Court Decision Padilla v. Kentucky*, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN, October 22, 2010

Panelist, *Bridging the Traditional Clinical/Doctrinal Divide*, SEALS, Palm Beach, FL, August 1, 2010

Panelist, *Problem Solving in Criminal Justice*, Law and Society Conference, Chicago, IL, May 29, 2010

Invited Primary Speaker, *In the Aftermath of Padilla: The Sixth Amendment and Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions*, Berkeley Law School Symposium, Berkeley, CA, April 1, 2010

Invited Moderator, *And Justice for Some? Expanding Access to Civil Legal Services*, 29th Annual Edward V. Sparer Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 19, 2010

Panelist, *Race Gender, and Nationality: Unbundling the Intersectional Discrimination of Latinos in the United States*, 4th Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium, Los Angeles, CA, March 11, 2010

Invited Panelist, *Clinical Spaces*, Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation, Philadelphia, PA, March 10, 2010

Presenter, *Role of the Courts in Admonishing Criminal Defendants on the Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction*, Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Philadelphia, PA, December 10, 2009

Invited Presenter, *The 2007 New Bedford ICE Raid: Implications, Controversies And Continued Marginalization of Undocumented Latinos in the United States*, Invited Moderator, *Practicing Immigration Law in an Anti-Immigrant Climate*, Undocumented Hispanic Migration Conference, New London, CT, October 16-18, 2009

Invited Presenter, *Innovative Teaching Ideas and Immigration as a Discipline in the Legal Academy*, Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, New York, NY July 16-17, 2009

Invited Presenter, *Sixth Amendment or Not: Defending Your Client From Deportation*, Eastern District of Tennessee Federal Defender's Office and CJA Panel, Knoxville, TN, May 15, 2009

Panelist, *Scholarship Activism in the Classroom and in the Field*, NACCS XXXVI Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, April 10, 2009

Panelist, *Ensuring Justice for Immigrants and Migrant Workers*, LALSA Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, April 4, 2009

Invited Presenter, *What Every Children's Court Judge, Prosecutor, and Defense Attorney Needs to Know and Immigrant Defense Models: Tips, Ideas, Insights from Around the Country*, Practicing Law on the Border CLE, Albuquerque, NM, October 10, 2008

Moderator, *Slavery and Race: Historical and Contemporary Problems*, XIII Annual LatCrit Conference, Seattle, WA, October 2-5, 2008

Presenter, *Criminal and Immigration Law: Should Criminal Defense Attorneys be Ethically or Constitutionally Bound to Inform Clients of the Immigration Consequences of Their Criminal Conviction?*, Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Washington, DC, May 23, 2007

Presenter, *Criminal and Immigration Law: Should Criminal Defense Attorneys be Ethically or Constitutionally Bound to Inform Clients of the Immigration Consequences of Their Criminal Conviction?*, Fourteenth Annual Feminist CLE Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 3, 2007

Presenter, *Immigration and Criminal Law: Creating the Ethically Challenged Criminal Defense Attorney*, Moderator, "Immigration and Location," Eleventh Annual LatCrit Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 5-8, 2006

Presenter, *Juveniles and Immigration Law: What Effective Advocates Must Know*. The Nevada Juvenile Defender Summit, Las Vegas, NV, September 15-16, 2006

Panelist, *Employment and Constitution Rights for Non-Citizens*, MECCHA Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 24, 2006

Presenter, *Employment and Immigration Rights for Non-Citizen Workers*, Sheet Metal Workers Local 88, Las Vegas, NV, March 27, 2006

Presenter, *Knowing the Immigration Consequences of Your Prosecution or Defense Strategy*, Delinquency Prosecution and Defense Conference, Albuquerque, NM, September 22-23, 2005

Panelist, *Welcoming our Newcomers*, Las Vegas Faith Based Services Symposium, Las Vegas, NV, August 24, 2005

Presenter, *What Everyone Needs to Know about Naturalization*, U.S. Senator Harry Reid's Naturalization Workshop, Las Vegas, NV, July 5, 2005

Presenter, *Miranda and the Sixth Amendment*, METRO Police Training, Las Vegas, NV, May 18, 2005

Presenter, *Immigration Consequences of Juvenile Adjudications and Conduct*, Clark County Juvenile Public Defender Training, Las Vegas, NV, May 13, 2005

Presenter, *Understanding the U & T Visas, VAWA and SIJS*, METRO Victim Advocate Training, Las Vegas, February 10, 2005

## HONORS/AWARDS

- Recipient, 2011 Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for excellence in litigation in the field of immigration law as member of Padilla's litigation team in *Padilla v. Kentucky* 130 S. Ct. 1473 (2010), American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Recipient, Pro Bono Roll of Honor, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, 2009-2011

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Author chapter on immigration law for The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program's new textbook (forthcoming 2012)
- Authored section on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and its effect on Latinos in the Hispanic National Bar Association's report on comprehensive immigration reform, 2011
- Brief of *Amici Curiae* Criminal and Immigration Law Professors et al. in support of certiorari petition in *Padilla v. Kentucky* (08-651) (case determining issue of whether there is a Sixth Amendment duty to advise on the immigration consequences of a criminal conviction in criminal court by defense attorneys) cert. granted February 23, 2009-argued October 13, 2009-decided March 31, 2010 in favor of Padilla

- Planning Committee Member, Immigration Law Teachers' Workshop, 2011-2012
- Co-Chair, Faculty Development Workshop Committee, LatCrit/SALT, 2011
- Member, Faculty Development Workshop Committee, LatCrit/SALT, 2010
- Member, Penn Public Service Committee, 2009-Present
- Member, American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section
- Member, National Lawyers Guild
- Instructor, National Student Leadership Conference, 2001-2008

**BAR ADMISSIONS** Illinois, District of Columbia, New Jersey, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and United States Supreme Court

**LANGUAGE  
SKILLS**

Spanish. Working knowledge of American Sign Language.