# KATE GIBSON

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. expected May 2023 | GPA: 3.67

- Leadership: Human Rights Law Society, President; Women's Law Caucus, Public Interest Director; TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, Submissions Editor
- Other Campus Involvement: Assault & Flattery Theater Group, Supreme Chorus A Cappella Group

### Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico

Study Abroad planned for Fall Semester 2022

## Rhizome Center for Migrants Educational Program, Guadalajara, Mexico – August 2021

Participated in one-week immersive program for law students studying the humanitarian impacts of migration.

#### University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California

B.A. in Political Science and Peace and Conflict Studies received December 2017

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

## U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC

Legal Intern, Civil Rights Division, Immigration and Employee Rights Section, May 2022–Present Analyze legal questions regarding discrimination based on citizenship status in the employment verification process, by conducting research and writing memos. Was approved to utilize Spanish in office outreach.

## Immigration Clinic, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

Student Attorney, August 2021–June 2022

Successfully argued an asylum case in immigration court, after submitting briefing and evidentiary materials. Successfully petitioned the Fifth Circuit seeking remand based on a due process issue in an asylum case. Advise clients on consular processing and the impacts of criminal conduct on immigration status.

## Mithoff Pro Bono Program, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

Student Attorney and Pro Bono Scholar, Fall 2020-May 2022 (Volunteered over 200 hours)

Led the Special Education Pro Bono Project. Organized clinics, trained law student volunteers, recruited attorneys, and provided free special education legal services for over 20 families. Participated in various other pro bono projects including providing legal services to refugee children in Midland, TX, and the Expunction Project.

# Beck Center for Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Advocacy, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

Teaching Quizmaster, July 2021-May 2022

Worked as professor's assistant for legal writing classes and gave feedback on research and writing assignments.

## Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), Austin, Texas

Children's Program Legal Intern, May-July 2021

Conducted intakes with detained minors to assess eligibility for relief and legal services. Interviewed clients to gather information for petitions, affidavits, and other documents for SIJ relief. Drafted asylum brief.

### LANGUAGES AND INTERESTS

- Proficient in Spanish, conversational Mandarin Chinese, basic Swedish and Hindi.
- Mentoring through GirlForward, a program for girls internationally displaced by conflict.
- Helping at a family vegetable farm in East Austin, cooking, biking, and playing with my two cats.