

KATE GIBSON

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. received May 2023, with honors | GPA: 3.65

- Human Rights Law Society, President
- Women's Law Caucus, Public Interest Director
- Supreme Chorus A Cappella Group, Member

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico

August–December 2022 | GPA: 9.75/10

Studied abroad and took courses in human rights and refugee law in Spanish. Volunteered as a Pre-K teacher and activity leader at International Rescue Committee (IRC) refugee center in Mexico City.

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

EXPERIENCE

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Texas

Law Clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Richard Farrer, Anticipated September 2023–September 2024

American Civil Liberties Union, San Francisco, California

Legal Intern, Immigrants' Rights Project, January–April 2023

Conducted legal research on state constitutional equal protection issues, family separation damages, and case law on the interpretation of federal immigration statutes. Prepared memoranda on potential arguments and edited briefs and other documents for use in immigration rights litigation.

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

Submissions Editor, May 2021–April 2023

Reviewed and selected submissions for Volume 58 of the Texas International Law Journal. Served on the Editorial Board of the Journal.

Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI), Mexico City, Mexico

Legal Intern, August–December 2022

Prepared client applications and conducted interviews and counseling sessions to assist with legal issues involving U.S. and Mexican migration laws. Presented at UNHCR and local shelters about Venezuela Parole Program.

U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, District of Columbia

Legal Intern, Civil Rights Division Immigration and Employee Rights Section, May–July 2022

Researched and analyzed legal questions regarding discrimination based on citizenship status in the employment verification process. Created memoranda and documents for use in discovery and to aid the IER team in assessing whether employers' conduct was discriminatory. Communicated with clients, witnesses, and opposing counsel. Was authorized to utilize Spanish on behalf of IER following oral evaluation.

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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. Advised 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, September 2020–May 2022

Led Special Education Pro Bono Project: organized clinics, trained volunteers, and recruited attorneys to provide free special education legal services. Participated in a one-week pro bono project providing legal services to refugee children at the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Midland, Texas. (Volunteered over 350 hours total).

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.

Ridgemont Early Literacy Center, Fort Bend Independent School District, Houston, Texas

Kindergarten and First Grade Teacher, Teach for America Corps Member, July 2018–June 2020

Taught K-1 students all core content areas. Founded Environment Club to institute campus-wide recycling and teach environmental awareness. Organized NASA field trip after successfully applying for Title I funding.

Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Austin, Texas

Casework Intern/Constituent Services Representative, January–April 2018

Assisted constituents with matters involving USCIS, Social Security, and Veterans Affairs. Advocated on behalf of constituents to federal agencies and collaborated to solve constituent issues.

LANGUAGES, INTERESTS, AND VOLUNTEERING

- Proficient in Spanish, conversational Mandarin Chinese, basic Swedish and Hindi.
- Helping at my grandmother's vegetable farm in East Austin, cooking, and playing with my two cats.
- Volunteered as a mentor to a 15-year-old with GirlForward, a program that provides resources, community, and mentorship to girls internationally displaced by conflict.
- Volunteered with Casa Marianella prior to law school, helping clients complete naturalization documents.

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