

LORENA CATALINA PEÑALOZA

EXPERIENCE

UC Legal – Office of Campus Counsel, University of California, Santa Cruz

Chief Campus Counsel, Santa Cruz, CA (3/17-Present)

Provide advice and counsel to the chancellor and her leadership team. Advise campus clients on a broad range of legal issues, including employment, police, academic affairs, Title IX, Clery Act, land use, environmental health and safety, and student affairs. Consult and review campus policies, procedures and agreements. Manage a five-member team within the UC Legal – UCSC Office of Campus Counsel and provide supervision and oversight of the four-member team within the Privacy and Information Practices Office. Report jointly to UCSC Chancellor and UC system Senior Vice President and General Counsel and serve on their respective leadership teams.

Office of General Counsel (OGC), California State University (CSU)

University Counsel, Academic/Student Affairs Team, Long Beach, CA (7/14-2/17)

Campus counsel for Humboldt State University (HSU) and Sonoma State University (SSU). Provided legal counsel and guidance to the presidents of HSU and SSU and their respective cabinets. Received and responded to inquiries from campus personnel on legal matters. Reviewed, consulted on, and drafted campus policies and procedures and contracts. Represented the CSU in administrative proceedings. Supervised and managed work performed by outside legal counsel. Designed and delivered training on legal issues impacting campus activities and operations. Participated in the supervision of and response to subpoenas and Public Records Act requests. Was responsible for the following specialty areas as they relate to higher education: police, *Pitchess*, the Clery Act, California student safety laws, residency, and student discipline. Provided advice and training on and represented OGC on systemwide committees related to the aforementioned specialty areas.

University Counsel, Litigation Team, Long Beach, CA (1/08-6/14)

Represented CSU in all aspects of civil litigation in areas of employment and constitutional law, Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act, and in bankruptcy adversary proceedings. Served as the unlawful detainer resource attorney. Represented CSU in federal and superior courts throughout the state.

City Attorney's Office (CAO)

Assistant City Attorney, Santa Ana, CA (10/02-12/07)

Represented the City in civil litigation, including cases involving personal injury and property damage, civil rights violations, and dangerous conditions of public property. Advocated on behalf of the City in administrative appeals, *Pitchess* proceedings, and other discovery matters. Advised City departments on various municipal law matters, including the Brown Act and Public Records Act. Served as the Code Enforcement Prosecutor. Writ of mandate granted in *City of Santa Ana v. Superior Court of Orange* (not published) by the Court of Appeals, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, Case No. G035013.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Office of General Law (OGL)

Staff Attorney, Baltimore, MD (3/00-7/00, 1/01-9/02)

Advocated on behalf of SSA in cases litigated before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and the Merit Systems Protection Board. Represented the Agency in

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arbitration, including developing the case theory, preparing witnesses, and presenting the case. Assessed and investigated civil rights complaints and requests for waivers of employee debt due to salary overpayment. Drafted SSA decisions in cases alleging tort and civil rights violations.

United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary

Detail, Washington, D.C. (7/00-12/00)

Assisted the Minority General Counsel for the Judiciary Committee in monitoring issues of interest to the Ranking Minority Member of the Judiciary Committee, including campaign finance, espionage, Waco, and federal judicial nominations. Drafted statements, background memoranda, and hearing questions for Ranking Minority Member.

SSA, Presidential Management Fellow (formerly Presidential Management Intern), Attorney (9/98-9/00)

OGC, OGL, Office of Program Litigation, Office of Program Law, and Immediate Office

Baltimore, MD

Prepared and drafted motions for summary judgment on behalf of SSA and requested voluntary remands from SSA's Appeals Council. Wrote advisory opinions on programmatic issues.

Office of Hearings and Appeals

San Bernardino, CA

Reviewed and analyzed disability insurance benefits, supplemental security income and overpayment appeals, and wrote decisions pursuant to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) recommendations. Assessed employee grievances, and examined and provided input for management settlement options.

EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court, April 2007

Admitted to all district courts in California

Admitted to California Bar, June 1999

Passed California Bar, February 1998

Juris Doctor, December 1997

- **Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition, Member, 1997**
Team Advanced to Semi-Final Round and Won Best Brief in the Nation
- **Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship, 1995**

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Economy of Industrial Societies and Sociology, 1994

- **Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, Chi Chapter, 1993-1994**
- **President's Scholarship, 1992**

ASSOCIATIONS

- **California State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, 2022-Present**
- **Santa Cruz County Bar Association, 2018-Present**
 - **Board, January 2021-April 2022**
- **National Association of College and University Attorneys, 2008-Present**
 - **Committee on Program for Annual Conference, 2008-2009, 2017-Present**
 - **Committee on Legal Resources, 2012-2013**

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- **Committee on Legal Education**, 2009-2010
- **Annual National Conference Committee**, 2008-2009, 2017-Present
- **Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Pop-up Coach**, 2020-2021
- **Orange County Bar Association**, 2005-2017
 - **Judiciary Committee**, 2008, 2012
 - **Nominating Committee**, 2008, 2015
 - **Legislative Resolutions Committee**, 2005-2017
 - **Chair**, 2015
 - **Board**, 2008-2010
 - **Diversity Committee**, 2008
- **Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County**, 2004-2017
 - **Judicial Evaluations Committee**, 2006-2017
 - **Chair**, 2006
 - **Board**, 2004-2008
 - **President**, 2007
- **Warren J. Ferguson Inn of Court**, 2009-2013
 - **Team Leader**, 2010
- **Orange County Women Lawyers Association**, 2006-2008
- **Statewide California Association of Code Enforcement Officials**, 2004-2006
- **California District Attorneys Association**, 2003-2006
- **HOPE Leadership Institute**, 2005
- **California La Raza Lawyers Association**, 2005

PRESENTATIONS

- **Higher Education Legal Update: Top Developments & the New Presidential Administration**, HACU Annual Conference, November 2021
- **The Intersection of ADA and COVID – A Discussion on Evolving Strategies**, October 2021
- **Higher Education Legal Update: Top Issues and Trends of 2020**, HACU Annual Conference, November 2020
- **Relationships with University/Campus Police**, NACUA CLE Mini Workshop, September 2020
- **Achieving Your Institutional Mission: Diversity and Inclusivity in Faculty, Leadership & Curriculum**, NACUA CLE Mini Workshop, September 2020